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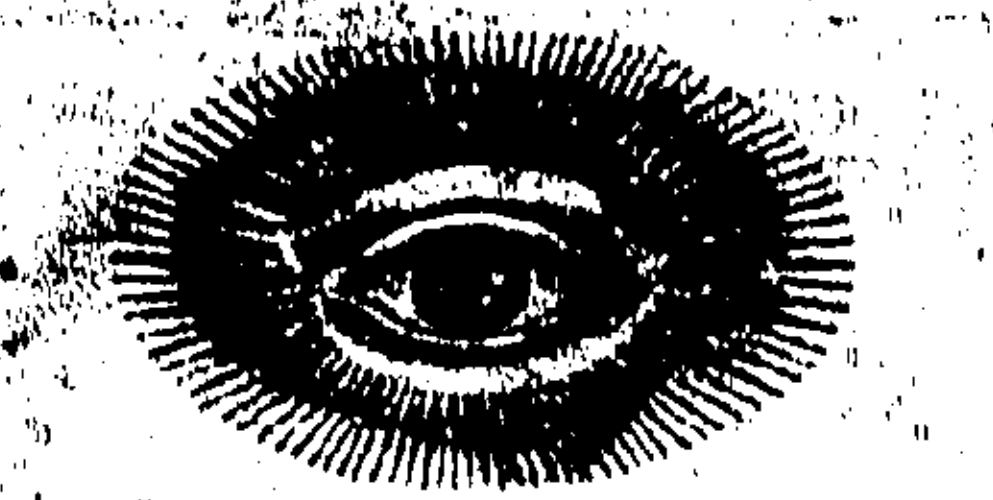
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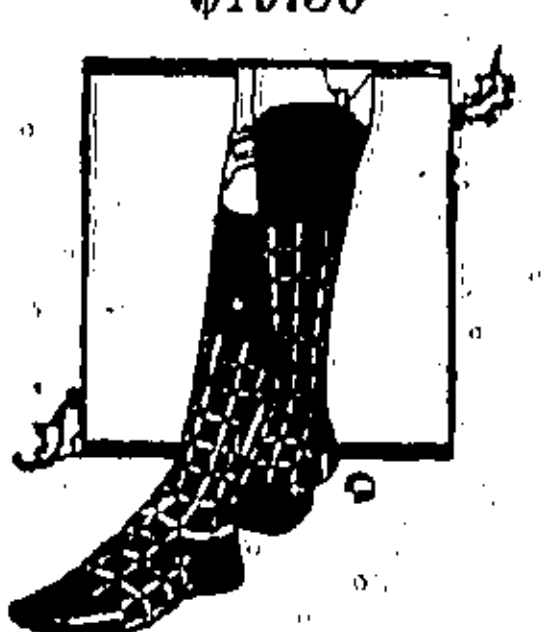
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BRITAIN & CHINA.
HIGHLIGHTS OF COMPLICATED POSITION.
HOME PAPERS SURVEY.

China has had its full share of attention in Parliament, remarks the "China Express and Telegraph" (London). In both Houses during the past week and at the Lord Mayor's dinner our political leaders, Lord Balfour, the Prime Minister and Sir Austen Chamberlain, reiterated the old story of chaos in China and sympathy for the sufferers, and those who may have anticipated sensational pronouncements as to British policy were woefully disappointed. The most significant statement of all bore out a suggestion made in this column some weeks ago to the effect that Mr. Miles Lampson, the new British Minister, is going to China not knowing with whom his diplomatic duties are to be conducted or whether he will act from Peking, Hankow, or elsewhere. At the moment it seems as if Peking is verging upon eclipsing the diplomatic centre. There is no substantial form of government, and the so-called "Shadow Government," whose chief speaks of resigning, has no means, militarily, financially, or otherwise, of enforcing its authority beyond the walls of the city. The Canton party in the south is clamouring, as the outcome of its successes, for recognition as the National Government, and has a mind to transfer the seat of authority to Hankow. But Hankow will no more suit every interest in such a vast country than Peking, and there is no saying what opposition the plan may raise. It is possible, as suggested in one quarter, that some compromise may be reached whereby the north for the time being will remain undisturbed and the Cantonese be acknowledged as masters of all the territory they have conquered, mainly south of the Yangtze. This seems to offer a solution of some of China's difficulties but not all, and it is conceivable that such a division would be of long duration. With Marshal Chang stirring in the north, with the contending elements on the Yangtze, and with the "Christian" General again seeking conquests, it is premature to speak of it. The point to bear in mind is that whether China remains a whole or is divided and sub-divided is no business of ours. As Lord Balfour rightly said, "China must settle her troubles for herself; we cannot interfere."

Need of a Definite Policy.
However, that must not be taken to mean that we should be idle. Great changes are taking place, and, although it is difficult to foresee where these may lead to, we should have a definite policy to cope with any likely settlement. Lord Balfour was unnecessarily pessimistic, we think, when he declared that it was impossible to frame a policy towards China or to present it to any Chinese authority when framed, and that all that could be done was to deplore losses, declaim responsibility, and declare an attitude of undeviating conciliation. Have we considered that the time may soon come—in Cantonese eyes it is overdue—when the course of wisdom would be to accord Canton the recognition it seeks, at least within the area it controls? Canton has adopted a strong attitude by returning the Portuguese Consul-General's protest on behalf of the Treaty Powers against the new and unlawful surtaxes. Canton's Foreign Minister made it clear that his "Government" recognised neither the Central Chinese Executive nor the diplomatic body accredited thereto, nor the group designated as Treaty Powers. Such action by Canton can only be interpreted as a peremptory demand for recognition, and it forces upon the Powers the necessity of considering whether the demand shall be conceded or withheld. The new Customs duties levied at Canton are precisely the new duties promised by the Powers at Washington in 1922. The delay in fulfilling that promise, as explained by Lord Balfour, was due to the French delay in ratifying the treaties, and to the civil war. He might have added that before the civil war China was also in part responsible, but the practical point for consideration is that the Powers are committed to the new Customs and Canton has done no more than anticipate the carrying out of their decision and help herself to what she considers she is justly entitled

COUNTRY ROBBERS.
ALLEGED GANG AMBUSHED AT UN LONG.
WALNUTS AS GAGS?

Walnuts which the Police believe to have been intended for use as gags were found on four Chinese in a remote part of the New Territories just about day-break yesterday. Other articles alleged to be implements of unlawful characters were also found.

On receipt of information, a posse of detectives under Det. Sub-Inspector C. P. Fallon left Yau-mati station and waited at the highway on the approach to Un Long, their inquiries having led them to suspect that an armed robbery was contemplated at the well-known village of Un Long, near the western end of the New Territory frontier.

About 5 a.m., a hired motor car approached and four Chinese got off. These were immediately captured by the Police who had laid an ambush for their quarry. On being searched, two daggers, a bag of pepper, six walnuts and four rolls of wire were found on the four men's persons and the suspects were immediately taken into custody.

RAID NEAR TAI O.
Lan Tao Island Visited by Robbers.

Booby weighing well over a ton was carried away by a gang of armed robbers who raided a house on Lan Tao Island at 11 o'clock on Friday night.

The victim was a shrimp paste dealer who lived in an unnumbered house at Yee O Kok, which is not on the map but is believed to be near Tai O where the police station—for an island larger than Hong Kong—is situated.

Five men broke through a back door and, on the dealer replying that he had no money, they began to clear his house of his goods.

Twenty piculs (each of 133.1-2 lbs.) of shrimp paste were taken away and a thorough search of the house only brought jewellery worth \$20.

The robbers escaped in a small boat in an unknown direction.

Tai O police station is on a bay on the western (far) side of Lan Tao Island. Villages in the vicinity have been raided by pirates from Chinese territory in the last few years.

Several Week-end Thefts.
Several thefts were reported during the week-end.

Between Saturday night and Sunday morning, a key was removed from the pocket of the master of a shop at No. 11, Wah Lane (off Hollywood Road, in the central district) and the thief is alleged to have thus stolen \$323 from a safe.

Clothing, money and jewellery to the total value of \$421.50 were taken by a thief from a cubicle at No. 12, Russell Street, the property of a shopkeeper.

A door left open at No. 69, Portland Street (2nd floor), Yau-mati, paved the way to the theft by an unknown person of \$198, also in money, jewellery and clothing.

On the broader issue Lord Parmoor made an unctuous appeal for China to be "conciliated." He made no hint, however, as to which of the Chinese generals should receive the olive branch. Lord Balfour noted the omission and asked rather pathetically which of the assortment of warring chiefs was to be "conciliated." The great Chinese community, he pointed out, had no single representative with whom it was possible to deal, and in "conciliating" one of the warring chiefs, one might possibly offend another. At the same time he refuted any suggestion that the British Government had ever been anything else but entirely conciliatory in its attitude towards China. The great difficulty is to get the Chinese, particularly the extremist elements of Canton, to believe that. For the furtherance of their ends they have grossly misrepresented British "imperialism" throughout the country, and it seems to us that the time is ripe for the Government to take energetic measures to counteract the harm that this unscrupulous propaganda is doing.

SESSIONS BEGIN.
Robbery And Murder Charges.
THE "SAIKUNG" CASE.
Prisoner Arrested When Trying Suit On.

The December Criminal Sessions opened this morning with the trial of five Chinese alleged to have participated in an armed robbery aboard the launch "Saikung" and the murder of an Indian guard, and with the trial of a Chinese alleged to have murdered a fellow employee of the Tung On boat building concern at Shau-kiwan.

The first case was opened before the Chief Justice, Sir H. C. Gollan and the other before Mr. Justice J. R. Wood.

Mr. A. Dyer Ball conducted the Crown case in the "Saikung" affair, Mr. H. S. Lo (instructed by Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask) defending (the case, involving a capital offence, being an assigned one).

Outlining the facts, the Crown Solicitor said that the s/s. "Saikung" left Saikung about 2.30 p.m. on September 12 for the regular trip to Shau-kiwan.

On the resumption of the "Sunning" piracy case at the Magistrate's court this afternoon, Mr. H. K. Holmes (Crown Solicitor) said: "I have very carefully reviewed the evidence against each of the prisoners during the week-end; I cannot justifiably withdraw the charge against any man except the 17th. The only evidence against him is the Captain's statement that he resembled a man smoking opium in a first-class cabin."

"SUNNING" PIRACY.
Case Against One Man Withdrawn.

The owner of the launch was on board and on this occasion a variation of the route was to be made on his instructions. Having heard that there was a cargo of dried fish to be picked up at Shi Wan, on High Island, the owner decided to go there first.

A police launch which observed the departure of the launch from Saikung noticed that it was proceeding on an unusual course and, suspecting a breach of the regulations, proceeded to investigate, taking the southerly channel through Port Shelter and past Shelter Island in order to intercept the launch as it came home.

Grilles Not Closed?

The launch got to Shi Wan about 3 p.m. and picked up the cargo, no passengers being taken on board. At the time of departure there were on the bridge, the coxswain, three Indian guards armed with rifles and ammunition, a male and female passenger and their children. In accordance with the anti-piracy regulations, there were on board certain grilles but it was not clear from the evidence whether or not they were closed. He (Mr. Dyer Ball) was of opinion that they were not.

A few minutes after Shi Wan was left, three men, armed with revolvers, rushed up the steps leading to the bridge and attacked two of the Indian guards who were with the two passengers on the bridge. Another Indian guard who was inside the wheelhouse went to their rescue, bearing one of the rifles which had been stacked inside the wheelhouse. The guard used the butt of the rifle to strike the coxswain on the forehead and in the course of the struggle he broke the butt of the rifle. Eventually, he was forced to the ground and one of the robbers, who would be clearly identified as No. 3 prisoner, drew a revolver and fired at him as he was in a kneeling position. Other shots were also fired, one of the bullets entering the abdomen and inflicting a wound which led to the guard's death in Hospital three days later.

The two other guards, continued the Crown Solicitor, either jumped overboard or were thrown overboard, and took no further part in the incidents other than to return to the ship later, when the police arrived on the scene. Their story was that they had been picked up by a sampan and awaited an opportunity of rejoining the ship.

Prisoners Identified.
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While this had been going on, the robbers on the bridge had taken command of the ship and ordered the coxswain to make for the open sea to a place called So Shi Wan, on the other side of High Island. Events, however, supervised which rendered it inadvisable to go there and the course was changed to make Leung Shu Wan.

HARBOUR COLLISION.
CARGO BOAT AND STEAM LAUNCH.
ENTRANCE TO REFUGE.

Always a hive of small craft, the southern entrance to the Yau-mati typhoon shelter was the scene of another collision on Sunday when, fortunately, no life was lost and no person was injured.

The steam-launch "Milton" and cargo-boat No. 97 V were the boats concerned.

The cargo-boat maintains that damage was suffered to the extent of \$200.

JAPAN'S ANXIETY.
EMPEROR IN CRITICAL CONDITION.
PRINCE CHICHIBU'S RETURN.

Rugby, Dec. 19.

In view of the serious illness of the Emperor of Japan, Prince Chichibu, his second son, who has been undergoing a course of study in England, will leave Southampton by the "Majestic" on Wednesday for the United States on his way to Tokyo.—British Wireless Service.

Gloom Over Japan.
Tokyo, Dec. 18.

The Emperor's temperature, pulse and respiration are decreasing.

Pneumonia in the right lung has further developed.

Increasing fatigue is noted.

Owing to His Majesty's dangerous condition, public music and dancing have been voluntarily stopped all over Tokyo.

It has been decided to dispense with New Year decorations which normally are of the gayest.

Several attempts at self-immolation owing to despondency over the Emperor's condition are reported, including that of one of the nurses attending His Majesty.

Markets are depressed and dealings are considerably diminished.

Most places of amusement have been closed since yesterday, but places of worship, on the other hand, are crowded with people praying for the Emperor's recovery.—Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST.
Till noon to-morrow, the weather forecast for Hong Kong, the adjoining coast and Formosa Channel is:—moderate N.E. winds, cloudy at first, finer later.

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GODOWN FIRE.
SMALL DAMAGE IN KITCHEN.
\$45,000 INSURANCE.

Investigation still proceeds as to the cause of an outbreak of fire at 1 a.m. yesterday at a tea godown in the Western district, which is connected to Dea Yee-yu Road West by a small side street.

Two young Chinese who were sleeping in bunks on the premises were awakened shortly after midnight by smoke which ascended from the ground floor kitchen.

Like most Chinese of the working class, they rushed into the street and blew police whistles while they stood facing the building.

The Fire Brigade arrived in a few minutes after the alarm had been put through and the flames got under control.

It is understood that the building is insured with a Chinese company for \$24,000 and the stock of tea for \$21,000.

NEW ARTICLES.
PEAK TRAMWAYS CO. MEETING.

Reference to the local cost of living having more than doubled in the last twenty years was made by Mr. Henry Humphreys (of Messrs. John D. Humphreys and Son, general managers of the Peak Tramways Co. Ltd.).

Mr. Humphreys was presiding over an extraordinary meeting of the company, held this morning in the Hong Kong Hotel. A resolution to approve and adopt new articles of association was carried unanimously and a further meeting will be held on Jan. 10 to confirm the resolution.

Supporting the chairman were Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. R. Mein Austin and Mr. A. S. Gubbay (directors), Mr. R. A. Wadsworth (Messrs. Deacons (solicitors for the company) and Mr. G. Rapp (secretary).

Shareholders present comprised the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Mr. J. Hennessey Seth, Mr. J. A. Tarrant, Mr. J. H. Brister, Mr. S. F. Chubb, Mr. J. M. Wong, Mr. J. D. Humphreys, Mr. W. Morley and Mr. D. Wilson.

Increased Remuneration.
After the secretary had read the convening notice, Mr. Henry Humphreys said:—

"Every shareholder has been sent a circular explaining at some length all the important changes in the Articles. I do not propose, unless called upon to do so, to reiterate what has already been stated in the circular, but I would like to amplify the statement in the circular in regard to increased remuneration to General Managers and Directors. Their remuneration has remained the same for twenty years past. During those twenty years, as you are aware, the cost of living has more than doubled, with the natural result that not only does it cost one more to live, but employers have to pay very much more to their employees and for office rent.

"Unless any shareholder has any questions to ask I shall move the adoption of the resolution before the meeting."

No question was asked, the chairman proposed and Mr. J. Hennessey Seth seconded, and the resolution was carried unanimously.

The resolution read:—

"That the regulations contained in the printed document submitted to the meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the chairman thereof be approved and adopted as the articles of association of the company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all existing articles thereof."

RE-SEALED.
MR. D. CRANSTON'S WILL.

Probate of the will of Mr. David Cranston, late of Hong Kong, who died at Giffnock, Scotland, on February 12, this year, has been re-sealed at the Supreme Court of Hong Kong, on the application of Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, attorney for the widow.

The late Mr. Cranston left property in Great Britain amounting to £3,527 and property in Hong Kong to the value of \$16,500.

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Dated this 13th day of December, 1926.

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AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the same place on THURSDAY, the 20th day of January, 1927, at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings of the above mentioned meeting and of confirming, if thought fit, as a Special Resolution the above mentioned Resolution.

A copy of the proposed new Articles of Association of the Company with the said alterations, amendments and differences between the existing and new Articles incorporated and indicated in red ink can be seen during usual business hours at the Registered Office of the Company aforesaid.

Dated the 16th day of December, 1926.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR ANNOUNCEMENTS.

HONGKONG HOTEL

MONDAY, 27th December, 1926 - BOXING NIGHT CARNIVAL 8.00 p.m. to 1.00 a.m.
FRIDAY, 31st December, 1926 - NEW YEAR'S EVE CARNIVAL 8.00 p.m. to 1.00 a.m.

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LOCAL WEDDINGS.

SCOTTISH BRIDE AT THE CATHEDRAL.

READ - FLEMING.

There was a large attendance of friends of the two families on the occasion of the wedding at St. John's Cathedral on Saturday of Robert Lythgoe Read, son of the late Mr. E. W. Read and Mrs. Read, Stoney Corner, Kent, to Jean Vane Fleming, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Fleming, of Coates, Penicuik, Scotland.

The Cathedral was specially decorated for the occasion. Lady Pollock and Mrs. J. H. Wood having co-operated in this.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. H. Copley Moyle, and the service was choral, Mr. F. Mason, L.R.A.M., presiding at the organ.

The bride, who was given away by Mr. John Fleming (brother) of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, looked daintily in a dress of crepe Jeanette trimmed with silver lace in Grecian style, the train and illusion veil being made to match. She carried a handsome bouquet of pink and white roses.

The bridesmaid was Miss Cathie Shaw, who was attired in coral liberty satin, with a brown velvet mirror picture hat, and carried a bouquet of pink roses.

Mrs. W. J. E. Mackenzie, the matron of honour, wore a black ermine lace over satin, with a black ermine hat; she carried a bouquet of chrysanthemums.

The pages were Master Jim Mackenzie and Master John Wood, whilst Mr. R. K. Hepburn was best man.

Amongst those in the Cathedral were: Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Alabaster, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Carrie, Mr. and Mrs. A. Ritchie, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. M. Cleland and Messrs. W. Dickson, George Sellers, T. S. White-Smith, C. G. Perdue, and A. P. Greaves.

Boys of the 5th Hong Kong pack of Wolf Cubs, with which the bride has been associated for some time, formed a guard of honour outside the Cathedral after the ceremony.

The bride entered the Cathedral to the strains of Lohengrin's Bridal March, Mendelssohn's Wedding March being played as the bride party left the Cathedral. A peal of bells chimed from the tower as the bridal car left the compound.

A reception was afterward given at No. 105 The Peak, where the usual toasts were cordially pledged. It may be mentioned that the decorations at the house were the work of Mrs. Lynn Franklin.

The honeymoon is being spent at Hangchow, the bride's travelling dress being of bois de rose crepe de Chine, trimmed with mole fur. She wore a mole hat and shoes to match.

CHINESE WEDDING.

HAM - TEN.

In St. Stephen's Church on Saturday, a marriage was solemnized between William G. C. Ham, third son of the late Mr. C. M. Ham and Mrs. Ham, of Australia, and Edith Ten, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ten, of Australia.

The Rev. Lee Kan-yan officiated. The bride, who was given away by Mr. James Ng, wore French ivory chrysanthemum, richly embroidered

ed with sprays of silver beads, pearls, and rhinestones. The train, suspended from the shoulders, was similarly embroidered and lined with ivory georgette. She wore an embroidered tulle veil arranged with a diadem of pearls and orange blossom. She carried a shower bouquet of white chrysanthemums and pale pink roses.

The bridesmaid, Miss Cue A. L. Gooley, of Australia, wore a simple frock of salmon pink chrysanthemum and silver lace with side draperies of georgette; her head bandeaux were of silver tissue with posy at side, and she carried a bouquet of shaded pink roses.

Miss Kae Lau, the flower girl, wore a green frock of georgette with inset panels of tiny frills finished with hand-made flowers and silver ribbons. There were silver ribbon bands on her hair with hand-made posies at the sides. She carried a basket of pink rosebuds.

All the dresses were made by Madame Flint.

Mr. Charles E. Wong was best man.

After the ceremony a reception was held on the Hong Kong Hotel, Roof Garden.

The bride's gift to the bridegroom was a pair of jade cuff links, and that of the groom to the bride a gold wristlet watch.

The bridegroom gave to the bridesmaid and flower girl a silver purse each.

A Banquet was held at the To Yuen Hotel in the evening.

FORD - LEE.

Another wedding celebrated at St. John's Cathedral on Saturday was the marriage of Mr. George Stephen Ford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ford, to Miss Grace Daphne Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Lee. The Rev. Copley Moyle performed the ceremony.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by her sister, Miss Stella Lee, matron of honour, and by Miss Maisie Kotewall and Miss Cissie Leung, as bridesmaids. Henry Ratham acted as page.

Mr. P. Brown was the best man.

The bride's dress, was of orange blossom and French lace. Her bouquet was of white roses and maiden hair fern. The bridesmaids wore apricot georgette with frills, and carried gold baskets of pink roses with maiden hair fern. The bride's mother's dress was of green and gold broadened satin.

After the ceremony at the Cathedral a reception was held at No. 9, Robinson Road, where the usual toasts were honoured.

The honeymoon is being spent at Repulse Bay, Shanghai and Japan. The bride's travelling dress was of Biele morocaine trimmed with red, braid and gold leather with hat to match.

Dr. Alfred Sze, Chinese Minister to Washington, arrived in New York by steamship on December 4 from Europe where he has been touring extensively and where he assisted at Constantinople in the formation of an "Asiatic League of Nations" sponsored by Soviet Russia. "China is capable of solving her own problems without foreign interference," declared the Minister, when asked to comment on recent events in the Far East.

CHILD ROBBED.

BAG SNATCHED BY COOLIE.

A lonely spot in Robinson Road was the scene of a deplorable occurrence on Saturday afternoon, when one of two young children, who were on their way to a Christmas party at the residence of Captain and Mrs. C. Harris Walker at No. 6, Basile, Lytton Road, was robbed.

The two children, the Miss Shirley Eca da Silva and Edna Carroll, were walking along Robinson Road when a tall Chinese, whose appearance resembled that of a coolie, came up from behind and snatched the handbag, that Miss da Silva was carrying under her arm.

Needless to say, both the young girls were very frightened. Nevertheless, Miss Carroll made a plucky attempt to frustrate the man's departure, catching hold of his arm. The assailant, however, proved too strong for his young victims, and managed to free himself, making off at a fast pace.

The bag fortunately did not contain a great deal of money but among its contents was an American Jubilee 50 cents coin which, it is understood, is rather rare, its present value being estimated at G.\$4.

HOTEL SAVOY.

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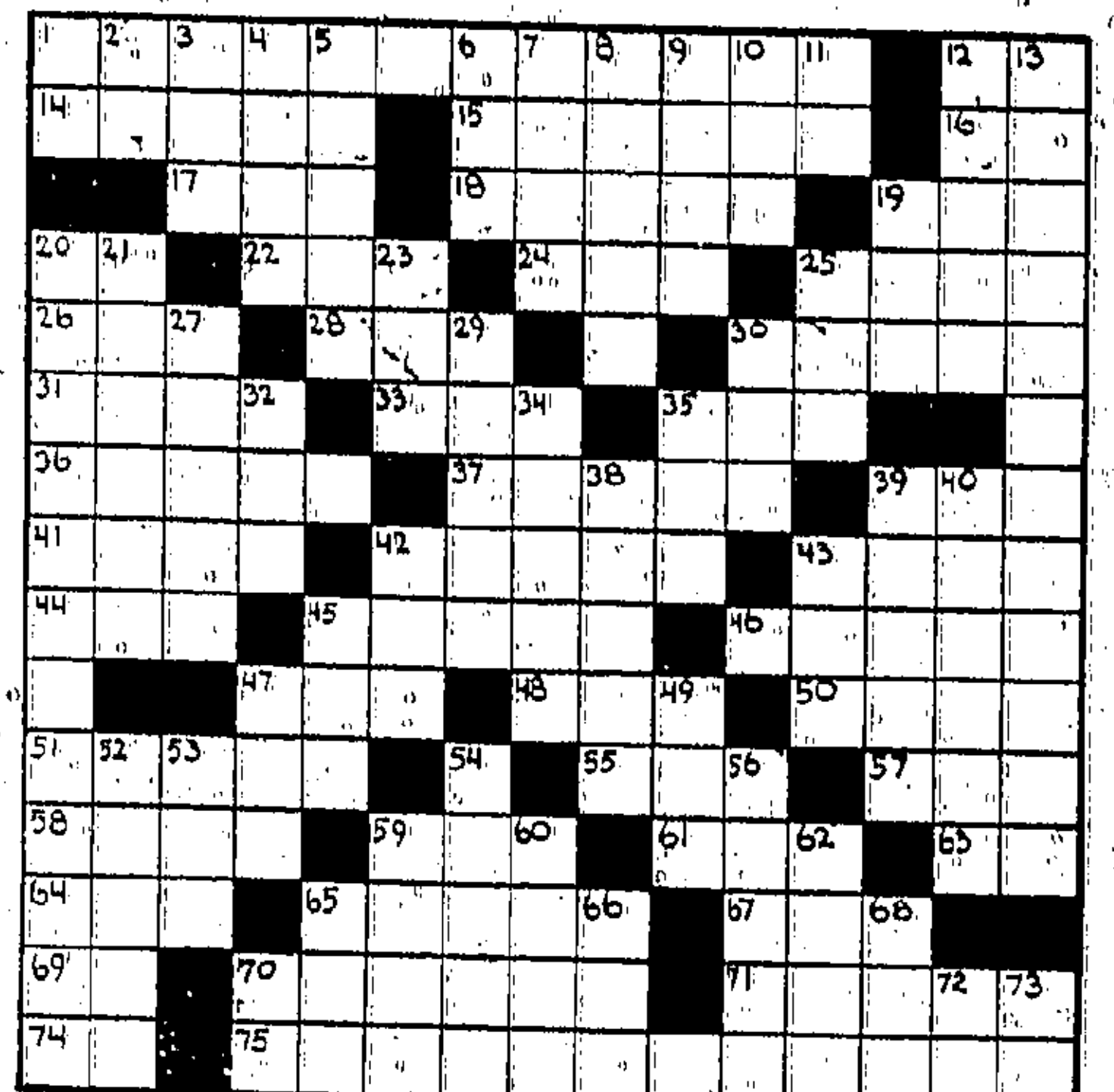
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OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, "plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

- 1-Baby carriage
- 12-Musical note
- 14-Angry
- 15-Withdraw
- 16-Upon
- 17-Small child
- 18-Noticed
- 19-Conjunction
- 20-A parent
- 22-Was introduced
- 23-Slight bow
- 25-Box
- 26-Every one
- 28-Knock
- 30-Consumer
- 31-Tailor
- 32-A vegetable
- 33-Pearce
- 36-Pertaining to man
- 37-Dwell
- 39-Also
- 41-Angered
- 42-Vegetable container
- 43-Suspect
- 44-Boy's name (familiar)
- 46-Untrue
- 48-A fagion in N. Africa
- 47-Evergreen tree
- 48-Printer's measure (abbr.)
- 50-Shoe
- 51-Attempts

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 55-Percolated
- 57-A unit
- 59-Electrical atom
- 59-Opening
- 61-Jewel
- 63-N. Am. State of U. S. (abbr.)
- 64-A tree
- 65-Eastern country
- 67-Blackbird
- 68-Canadian province (abbr.)
- 70-Trap
- 71-Seek blindly
- 74-A thoroughfare (abbr.)
- 75-Verbals

VERTICAL

- 1-Jumbled type
- 2-Comparative ending
- 3-Rodent
- 4-Very small particle
- 5-Measure
- 6-Department of U. S. fighting forces (abbr.)
- 7-Man's name (abbr.)
- 8-Prisoner
- 9-Golf term
- 10-Peculiar
- 11-Musical note

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 12-Rodent
- 13-Questioned
- 19-Winged mammal
- 20-Pilot
- 21-Tempt
- 22-Rep lightly
- 25-Tin container
- 27-Maimed
- 29-A gem
- 30-Female sheep
- 32-Small compact mass
- 33-Lower
- 35-Poem
- 38-Paragraph
- 39-Forbidden
- 40-Vegetable (pl.)
- 42-Note of the crow
- 43-Part of a wheel
- 45-Ato
- 47-Affirmative
- 49-Drop
- 52-Cook
- 54-Father (Spanish)

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N.Y.K. ENGINES.

DECISION MADE FOR NEW LINERS.

PRESS SURPRISED.

The Board of Directors of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha has decided on the type of engines to be installed in the three superior passenger liners which it is to build for its San Francisco service. Two will be of Sulzer type.

constructed at the Mitsubishi Shipbuilding and Engineering Works, and the third will be a Burmeister and Wain double acting Diesel, imported through the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, sole agents and licensees, in Japan. Importation is necessary, as the Mitsui Company is not yet prepared to build the Burmeister engines. The two Sulzer-engine ships will be built at the Mitsubishi yards, while the Burmeister boat will be constructed at the Kawasaki Dockyard. The Tokyo "Asahi" and the Tokyo "Nichi Nichi" express considerable surprise that the Nippon Yusen Kaisha should have elected to engine two of the vessels with Sulzer engines, declaring that marine engineering practice recommends the Burmeister Diesel at present. However, the Mitsui Company is closely related to the N.Y.K. and, in addition, the Kokusan Shinkokai has expressed frank disapproval of the suggestion that any engines be imported. The matter was discussed recently among high officials of the Shinkokai, and Baron Sakatani, the president, ordered four technical experts to make a close investigation. They submitted the following resolution to Baron Sakatani:—"The proposed construction of three first-class passenger ships for the San Francisco line will be watched not only in Japan, but by the world's shipbuilding experts. These ships can be built entirely of materials produced in Japan and there is no necessity for the use of foreign materials, due to the remarkable development which this nation has made in the technical arts and ship engineering. We deem it proper to construct these ships of materials produced in Japan alone."

Increased Rates. But to what extent increased freight rates will affect Marine's earnings in 1926, it is difficult to estimate, for the reason that costs of operation have also advanced considerably. Bunker coal and fuel oil have risen in price, the former to \$8 a ton as compared with \$5 a ton a month or so ago. Bunker coal in United Kingdom ports is \$22 a ton, and to avoid coaling in British or Continental ports, vessels are loading up with coal here for the round trip. In addition to the fact that bunker coal is higher in price, it is obvious that coal for the return trip takes up cargo space.

Wall Street has not yet officially digested the significance of the return to the Marine board of Messrs. Morgan and Steele. The statement has been made that Morgan, Grenfell and Company were concerned with negotiations for sale of the White Star Line, as representatives of the Furness, Withy syndicate. Rumours of the sale of Marine's crack subsidiary have been in the wind for so long that they die hard. But the puzzling factor about the failure of the latest negotiations lies in the statement made at the time negotiations were temporarily dropped some months ago. The reason advanced was that the coal strike made the immediate future of shipping doubtful. In the light of advancing freight rates and the current hue and cry for tonnage, indicating a localised and temporary shortage of bottoms, the effect of the coal strike, to shipping interests particularly, would appear to have been clear. Negotiations On.

Furthermore, it is reported in circles, which previously have been aware of the status of negotiations, that another plan is under discussion with a group of British shippers and bankers on a more favourable basis than prevailed in the Furness, Withy transaction. This would indicate that, should the reported deal be consummated, Marine would receive payment for its White Star stock over a shorter period than was offered previously, or within the term to the International Mercantile Marine 6 per cent. bonds which mature in 1941.

The Stabilimento Tecnico Triestino have launched from their San Marco yard the motorship "Romolo" for the Lloyd Triestino to be employed on the company's service from the Adriatic to the Far East, together with the "Remo," which is in course of construction. The motorships "Esquiline" and "Viminale" are at present maintaining this service. The "Romolo" is of the double-deck type, with accommodation for 50 passengers, amidships in large single and double cabins. Also amidships are a promenade deck, verandah, smoking room and music room, as well as officers' cabins. The "Romolo" has six large hatches, served by sixteen electric winches.

FREIGHT CHARGES.

COMPETITION AMONG CARGO VESSELS.

SHIPPING INADEQUATE.

Competition among traders for British cargo vessels of all types has caused freight charges to be trebled in the course of a few months, an investigator for a London newspaper has found. He states that the keen demand for steamers, due mainly to a call for ships to transport coal from America to Great Britain, has proved that the total value of shipping in commission is inadequate to meet world requirements. Great quantities of rice, grain, and so forth, await shipment in India, Australia, and the Far East. Fortunes he declares, have been made by the shipowners whose heads above water a few months ago. As much as £10,000 profit is being made on a single voyage. How long such a prosperous state of affairs can be maintained no-one can foretell. Unfortunately it is too often the case that one man's loss is another man's gain, and in this instance the shipowners are profiting by the coalowners' calamity. However, this cannot be said of the shipbuilding industry, for thousands of workers were thrown out of employment when the mines closed down. It is to be hoped that the shipping boom will be maintained now that the mines have been opened. At all events the shipyards may resume operations.

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MALWA	10,943	31st Jan.	Marseilles and London
KALYAN	9,144	22nd Jan.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
DEVANHA	8,155	28th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
MOREA	10,918	5th Feb.	Marseilles and London
DELTA	8,097	18th Feb.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KASHGAR	9,006	19th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NELLORE	6,553	3rd March	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MANTUA	10,902	6th March	Marseilles and London
KASHGAR	9,006	12th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NYANZA	7,023	17th March	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MONGOLIA	16,504	19th March	Marseilles and London
MACE DONIA	11,120	2nd April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
DEVANHA	8,155	9th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
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TALMA	10,000	12th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

SHIP	Tons	From Hongkong About	Destination
ST. ALBANS	4,500	31st Dec.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island,
ARAFURA	6,000	28th Jan.	Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, &
TANDA	6,966	4th March	Melbourne.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	1st April	
ARAFURA	6,000	20th April	
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TAKADA	6,949	31st Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
ARAFURA	6,000	4th Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama
MOREA	10,918	7th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
DEVANHA	8,155	7th Jan.	Shanghai & Kobe
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EMPIRE'S PROSPERITY.

Numerous services associated with the sea and various administrative Government Departments were represented at the annual dinner of the Institute of Marine Engineers at the Hotel Cecil, London.

Lord Inverforth said that the Institute afforded an excellent medium for the interchange of views and ideas on things mechanical pertaining to the fighting services. The British nation, with its multiplicity of interests in every part of the world, must necessarily have at her disposal adequate forces to enable her to discharge her great administrative responsibilities. For the success and prosperity of her commerce was entirely dependent upon the maintenance of open trade routes. He felt that prosperity for the nation could only be achieved so long as she remained immune from outside influence. It was up to the people, therefore, to observe yet another time-honoured duty of their own business. Lord Inverforth concluded by referring to the great development of the internal combustion engine, and declared that still greater advances in connection with its adaptation to marine work would be seen ere long. The shipowner, he said, would never again be content to place himself at the mercy of the miner. (Applause.)

Sir R. Burton Chadwick, M.P., said that it had given him great pleasure that day to hear a Colonial Premier describe the Merchant Service as the greatest industry in the British Empire. As an old seaman himself he was highly gratified to notice that the service was attracting a greater share of public attention than it had ever done in the past. After all the Navy, the Army, and the Air Force alike could do practically nothing without the continual co-operation of the Mercantile Marine.

SCHOONER EXPLOSION.

New York, December 19.—Six out of eight of the crew of the coastguard schooner "Lincoln" were killed in an explosion followed by a fire. The "Lincoln" was destroyed. —Reuter's American Service.

EMPIRE AVIATION.

Rugby, Dec. 18. It is stated that following upon the discussions at the development of airships at the Imperial Conference, the Governments of Canada and South Africa are contemplating the immediate erection of mooring masts similar to those at Carrington and Ismailia.

The "Manchester Guardian" states that these Dominions have requested the Air Ministry to send the airship experts to advise them in selecting sites for masts.

In view of Australia's interest in the subject it is surmised that experts will also visit the Commonwealth to advise for a mast there. —British Wireless Service.

GERMAN FOREIGN POLICY.

Rugby, Dec. 19. According to Press telegrams, Dr. Stresemann will retain his position as Foreign Secretary in the new German Cabinet to succeed the Marx Government which was defeated on Friday night, and British observers assume that there will be no substantial change in Germany's foreign policy. —British Wireless Service.

FALSE PRETENCES?

An unusual case arising through duplication of names arose in the Police Court this morning when Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared to prosecute on behalf of a Sikh named Kisen Singh, a watchman employed by the Asiatic Petroleum Co.

A compatriot by the same name was accused of having taken a deposit receipt, alleged to belong to the complainant, to the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and withdrawn \$367 on it.

Application for an formal remand was granted.

Paris, Dec. 18. The appointments of M. Paul Claudel as Ambassador to the United States and M. de Bille as Ambassador to Japan are official.

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Sundakan	NAMSANG	Fri. 24th Dec. at 2 p.m.
Shanghai via Swatow & S'hai	KWATSANG	Sat. 25th Dec. at 7 a.m.
Onaka via Amoy, Moji & Kobe	NAMSANG	Sun. 26th Dec. at 7 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	YATSANG	Tues. 28th Dec. at 7 a.m.
Tsai via Swatow & S'hai	YATSHING	Wed. 29th Dec. at 7 a.m.
Tientsin	CHIPSANG	Sat. 1st Jan. at 7 a.m.
Haiphong via Hoihow	MINGSANG	Sun. 2nd Jan. at 9 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	HOSANG	Mon. 3rd Jan. at 3 p.m.
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Passengers who were on the s.s. "Kashima Maru" which arrived in Hong Kong from Yokohama via Ports, on Dec. 18 included:—

Dr. E. S. Handy, Mrs. W. C. Handy, Mr. E. Krawinkel, Mr. R. Kaufmann, Mr. F. Rindler, Mrs. C. W. Watkins, Mr. F. E. Allen, Mrs. G. W. Allen, Mr. W. G. Duchanan, Mrs. Benson, Mr. F. Bayot, Mr. J. W. Craighton, Miss M. Craighton, Miss R. Craighton, Mr. I. H. Evans, Mr. R. E. Francis, Mrs. S. F. Hinder, Miss Laid, Miss E. K. Marshall, Mr. D. Phelps, Miss Pustakda, Mr. R. L. Read, Mr. Y. Rosenfeld, Miss M. G. Seldon, Mr. W. B. Tyler, Mr. H. A. Woodruff, Mrs. I. S. Woodruff, Mr. A. Coats, Mr. F. Gregory, Mr. E. Hindman, Master E. Hindman, Mr. E. Stempel, Miss M. Baptista, Mr. J. Baumber, Rev. H. H. Foster, Mr. G. E. Goolden, Mr. S. J. Howe, Mr. A. Ruyters, Miss M. Sheridan, Mr. A. C. Tancock, Mr. G. Taylor, Mr. W. Ferguson, Mrs. H. Gonious, Mr. J. Gibson, Mr. P. Jos, Mr. L. E. Jordan, Mrs. M. F. Jordan, Master J. L. Jordan, Miss P. R. Jordan, Mr. W. Kaeseberg, Mr. T. Loverdos, Mr. R. V. Miller.

DEPARTURE.

Per s.s. "President McKinley" for Shanghai, Japan and Seattle, on Dec. 19:—

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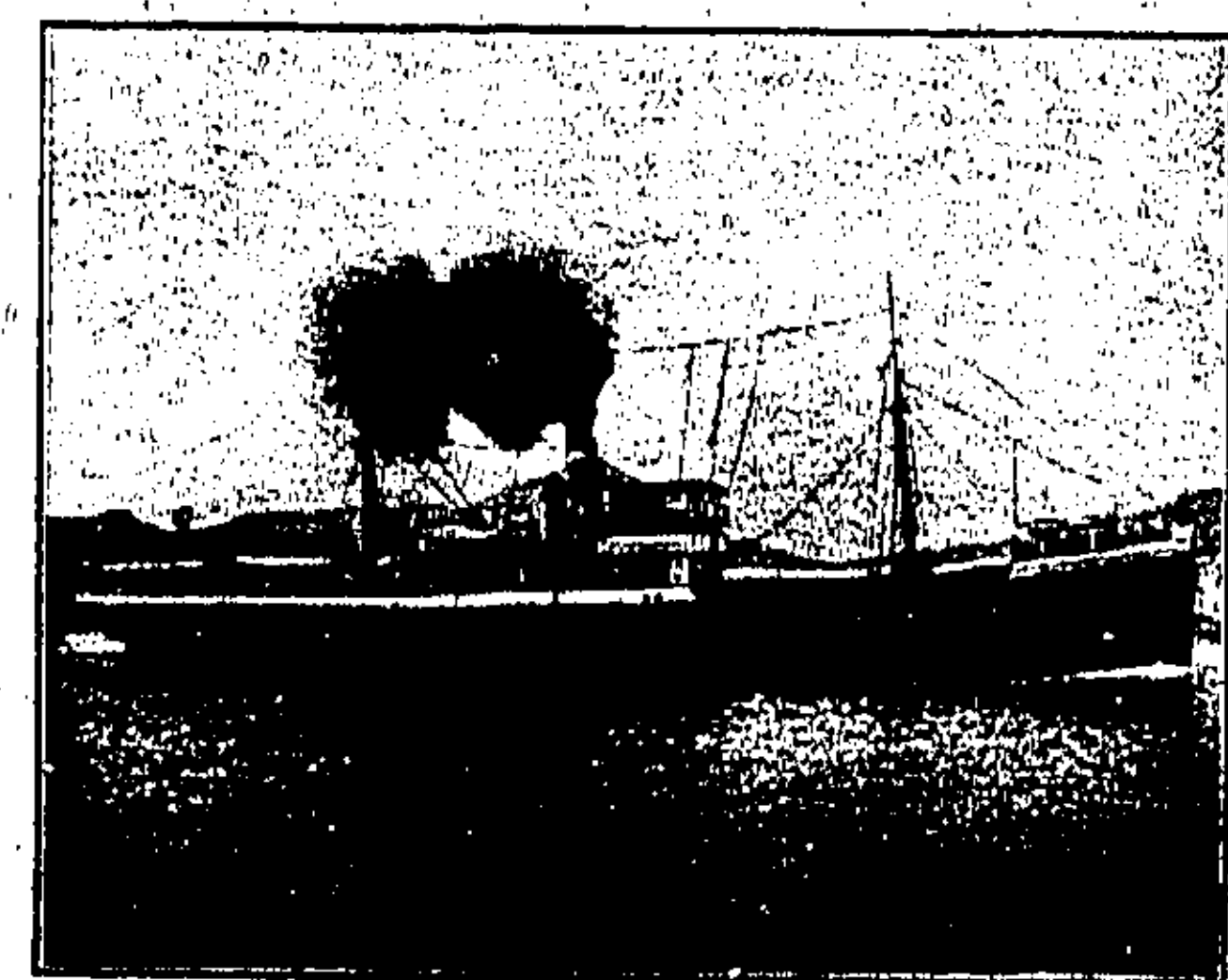
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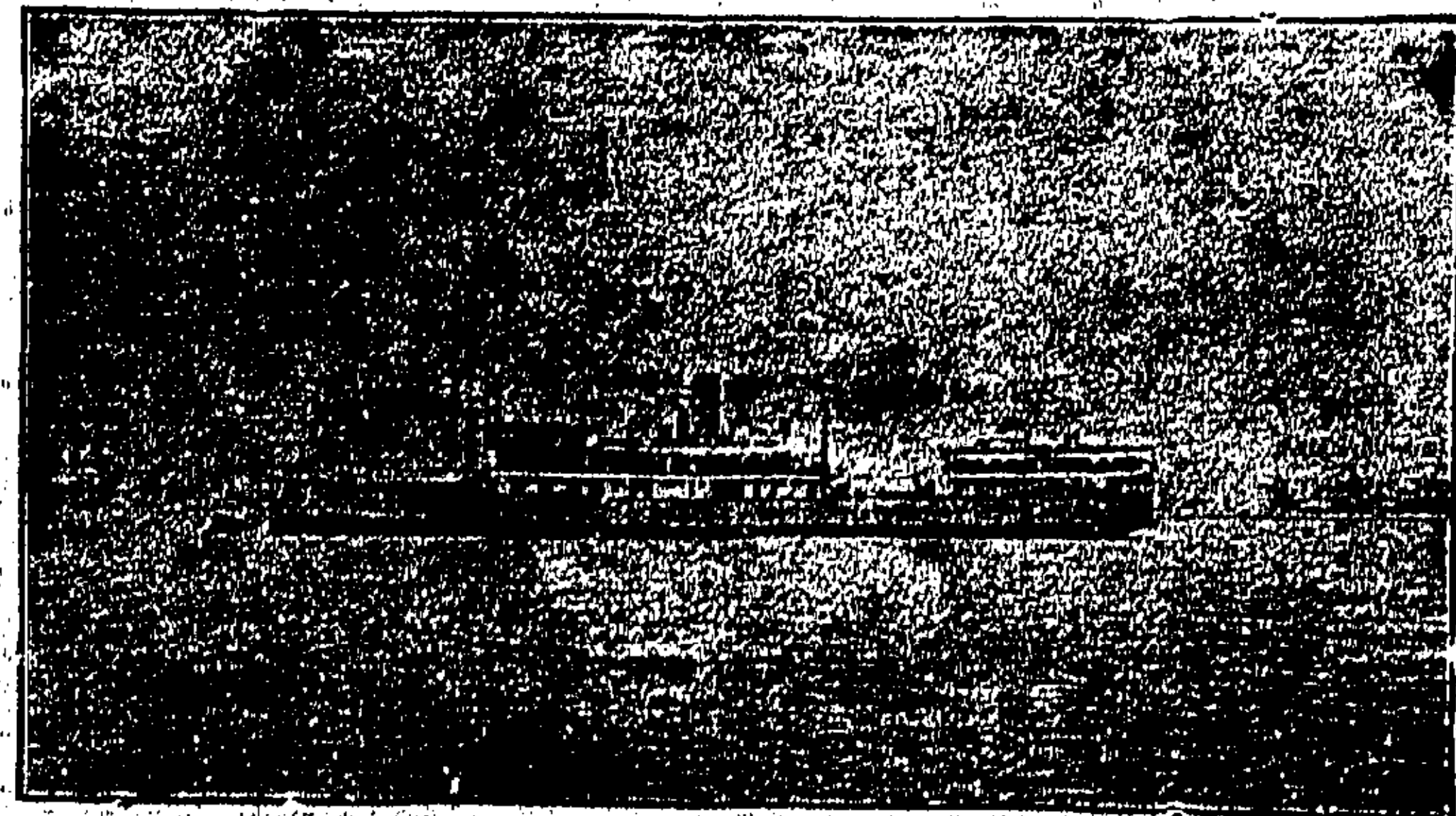
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Orthophonic**Victrola****DEATHS.****DENHAM.**—On Nov. 15, at Weston-
super-Mare, Ethel, elder daughter
of the late Mr. and Mrs. C.
Denham.**GILBERT.**—On December 14, 1926,
at Shanghai, at 6 p.m., Mrs. A.
Gilbert, aged 63.**RANDLE.**—On Nov. 14, suddenly,
"Horace Andrews Randle, M.D.,
of Pendleton, Lancashire, aged
71.**CLEARING THE AIR.**In the conversations between
Mr. Miles Lampson and Mr.
Eugene Chen, may be found the
first fruits of the new British
Minister's mission. A heart to
heart talk has proved better than
a hundred communiques. Each
side has been better able to ap-
preciate the viewpoint of the other
on which there has hitherto been
misunderstandings. The air
has been considerably cleared; a
friendly atmosphere has been
created, and the result is regard-
ed by both sides as "a distinct
gain" in the direction of a better
understanding.It is logical to assume that in
these conversations between Mr.
Miles Lampson and Mr. Eugene
Chen will be found the source of
the "document of considerable im-
portance" regarding the general
policy in China communicated to
the foreign Ministers by the Bri-
tish Charge d'Affaires in Peking
on Saturday. "It is believed,"
states Reuter, "that the document
contained new proposals of a
liberal and far-reaching charac-
ter." In due course publicity will
be given to those proposals and to
their reception by the representa-
tives of the other Powers in Pek-
ing. Until then comment is im-
possible beyond expressing appre-
ciation of the fact that the British
proposals constitute still another
advance in the direction of clear-
ing the air of misconceptions and
misunderstandings that have
clouded the relations between the
British and the Chinese. Fur-
thermore, both Mr. Miles Lamp-
son's conversations and the new
British proposals must help con-
siderably in re-establishing the
bona fides of Great Britain as a
sincere friend of China. Third
parties have done their utmost to
besmirch Britain's good name in
China; they have lost no oppor-
tunity of belittling British policy
and of crediting it with nefarious
designs; they have left no stone**MARRIAGES.****READ-FLEMING.**—At St. John's
Cathedral on 18th December,
1926, by the Rev. H. Copley
Moyle, Robert Lythgoe, third
son of the late Edward William
Read and Mrs. Read of Stoney
Corner, Meopham Kent to Jean
Valance, younger daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. John Fleming,
Cones, Fenicull, Midlothian.**VAUGHAN-REHNBORG.**—On
December 14, 1926, at Shang-
hai, by the Rev. C. M. Drury,
Francis F. Vaughan to Sally A.
Rehnborg.**PARSONS-MILNER.**—On Nov. 16,
at Putney, James Ray Parsons,
eldest son of the late James
Ramsey Parsons, of Yokohama
and London, to Ethel Mary
Milner, eldest daughter of
W. R. Milner, of Ilford.**DEATHS.****BINNS.**—On Nov. 2, at Amsterdam,
Roland Walter Binns, formerly
of Hornsey.**BROOKE.**—On Nov. 11, suddenly,
Harry Keppel Brooke, Tuan
Bunau of Sprawak, youngest
son of the second Rajah of
Sarawak, aged 47.

turned in an endeavour to in-
fluence the Chinese to regard the
British as enemies. To counter
the activities of these third
parties has naturally been the
first objective of Mr. Miles Lamp-
son's mission in China. That he
is succeeding will for ever re-
bound to his credit. In the past
not sufficient heed was taken of
the campaign of calumny and
misrepresentation against the
British in China; mischievous
propaganda was never offset by
favourable counter-propaganda.
As a result British prestige
waned. British silence was mis-
construed. It required some-
thing more than reiterated de-
clarations of "patience and con-
ciliation" to make up ground lost
through no fault of the British.
Now, thanks to Mr. Miles Lamp-
son's conversations in Hankow,
the first definite step has been
taken in the desired direction of
reviving friendly relations. We
can now await developments with
a degree of confidence lacking a
few months ago.

FLOWERS BANNED.**CHINESE LUCKY BLOOMS
IN AMERICA.****MICROBES IN THE NARCISSUS.**A China New Year flower popu-
lar in Hong Kong has been pro-
hibited entry into the United
States of America because, it is
reported, the plant has been con-
demned as a conductor of
microbes.This is the narcissus, called
"water lily" by the Cantonese.
Such are shipped away in bulk,
root and stem, and are very
hardy. When the roots are im-
mersed for a week or so in tem-
perate climates, the blooms come
very quickly. The number of
flowers and their advent coincid-
ing as nearly as possible with
China New Year Day are con-
sidered as significant of good for-
tune.**Homeland Sentiments.**For the Chinese emigrants in
America—nearly all of whom
wish to preserve their ties with
Home during the festive season—
considerable quantities of nar-
cissus are shipped "dry" to
America every winter.Last year, the American im-
migration authorities are stated
to have banned the import of
dried meats, such as "oiled duck,"
"Cantonese sausage," etc., and
the new measure has brought on
a good deal of discussion among
firms interested in the trade,
usually described in Hong Kong
as "California dealers."**OBITUARY.****MR. G. H. HASKETT.**His many friends in Hong Kong
will hear with regret the news of
the death at Home in his 42nd
year of Mr. George Henry
Haskett, A.I.S.A., Superintendent
of Accounts and Stores in the
Public Works Department.
Accompanied by his wife, Mr.
Haskett went Home on leave
early this year and was due to
return at the end of this month.
However he underwent an opera-
tion for tonsillitis in a nursing
home in Birmingham, and he
never completely recovered
consciousness, a clot of blood
forming on the brain.Mr. Haskett was twice
married, and he leaves,
besides his widow (who
is a daughter of the Rev. Charles
Bone, former Wesleyan minister
in Hong Kong), a little daughter
by his first wife.Mr. Haskett joined the P.W.D.
in May, 1913, as Inspector of
Stores. Later he became acting
Superintendent of Accounts and
was for a time Accountant at the
Colonial Treasury. He was ap-
pointed to the position of Super-
intendent of Accounts and Stores
in 1924. He was at one time
Hon. Secretary of the Civil Ser-
vice Cricket Club and was also
a keen Volunteer.**EARTHQUAKE.****LISBON AND MADEIRA
SHAKEN.**Lisbon, Dec. 18.
A great earthquake shock of
three seconds duration was ex-
perienced to-day in Lisbon and
Madeira. Considerable damage
was done in Lisbon. There was
much alarm but no casualties.
There is no news as to the effects
of the earthquake in Madeira.
Reuter.**HANKOW MEETING.****British Minister's
Mission.****TALKS WITH MR. E. CHEN.****American and Japanese
Delegates.**Hankow, Dec. 10.
Mr. M. W. Lampson, British
Minister to China, and Mr. Eugene
Chen, Cantonese Acting Minister of
Foreign Affairs, continued their
conversations to-day when, for
fully two hours, they talked of the
aims and attitude of the Cantonese
Nationalist Government in an effort
to find a basis for discussion.
Nothing definite was reached, but
hopes that the meeting may have
satisfactory results are based upon
the fact that further conversations
may possibly be held later. Mr.
Chen is to meet representatives of
other Powers during the week-end.
They are Mr. F. L. Meyer, Counsellor
to the American Legation at
Peking, and Mr. Saburi, of the
Japanese Foreign Office.It is now learnt that while Mr.
Lampson was at Kluksang he con-
ferred with the British Consul
there, but did not interview General
Chang Kai-shek, or any other
Southern leaders. What he did was
to arrange through his secretary to
interview Mr. Chen at Hankow,
which he did when he arrived here.
The Cantonese, needless to say, are
awaiting with the greatest interest
the results of the meetings.Last night, Mr. Lampson was en-
tertained to dinner by the British
Chamber of Commerce.Members of the Nationalist
Government are fast gathering at
Hankow in order to realise the
plans for establishing the Govern-
ment seat at the old capital of
Wuchang. Every day sees arrive
fresh contingents of officials and
their Russian advisers, while among
the new-comers to-day was Mrs.
Sun Yat-sen, wife of the great leader,
who occupies an indefinite but
important position in the Kuomintang
inner council. Others who
have arrived in addition to Mr.
Chen and Mrs. Sun, are Mr. Sun
Fo, Minister of Communications,
Mr. Hsu Chen, Minister of Justice,
Mr. T. V. Soong, Minister of
Finance as well as M. Borodin, the
Russian adviser. General Chang
has not yet arrived.**Hotel Wing Reserved.**Mr. Chen and a large staff of
secretaries and advisers are stay-
ing at Terminus Hotel, French
Concession, where a whole wing has
been reserved for the exclusive use
of the delegation. The fact that
they are staying in a foreign Con-
cession is a strange commentary
upon the theory and practice of
their political doctrines because, in
the event of disorder in the Con-
cessions, through activities of ex-
tremists, the delegation shelters be-
hind the foreign machine guns and
barricades in a foreign Concession
which the patriots denounce.Two Russian officials from the
Soviet Embassy in Peking are also
here. They are Messrs. Goursky
and Melamed, who are also stay-
ing at the Terminus to be near their
Chinese supporters. The presence
here of these two Soviet officials
is arousing much speculation and,
in view of the statement of the
Nationalist Government at Kuling
announcing formation of an
alliance with Soviet Russia, it is
generally believed that Moscow's
intention is to recognise the new
Government as soon as it is de-
finitely established at Wuchang.**Officials Welcomed.**There has been great public
celebration on the arrival of the
high Cantonese officials. There
was a big procession to-day, local
Chinese carrying Kuomintang and
red flags while a guard of honour
paraded for Mrs. Sun Yat-sen.An atmosphere of suppressed
excitement with an undercurrent of
unrest pervades Hankow, but
there is plenty of activity as plans
for the new Government progress.
General satisfaction is expressed by
the Cantonese bureaucracy at the
turn of events and the pro-
gress registered up to now,
although military preparations of
the anti-Cantonese combination in
North China, and the simmering
labour unrest which is being kept
in check, furnish sources of appre-
hension. Nevertheless, there is a
general inclination on the part of
the Chinese to point to the arrival
of the foreign diplomatic repre-
sentatives as recognition by the
foreign Powers of the stability
and permanence of the new ad-
ministration.**Extremists Still Active.**Contrasting with this pacific
situation are the activities of the
extremists and labour leaders,
who are redoubling their efforts
to start an anti-British boycott in
the Yangtze Valley. Additional mo-
tive for this campaign is being
found in the exploded myth of the
25,000,000 loan alleged to have
been made by the British to the**CHINA "FACTS."****A PROTEST BY BISHOP
BANISTER.****PATIENCE OF THE BRITISH.**Bishop Banister, a former
Archdeacon of Hong Kong and
Bishop of Kwangsi and Hunan,
who is now living at Crouchfield,
Seaford, Sussex, protests against
the implications and insinuations
behind Lord Parmoor's remarks
in the House of Lords recently,
which suggest that the blame for
the present animosity against
the British in China rests upon
the want of a policy of concilia-
tion and a lack of patience on
the part of the British authorities
and the representatives of
British commercial interests and
the British community in general
in that country.In a letter to "The Times" he
says:—Those who know China
know perfectly well that the pre-
sent situation is not due to the
want of a policy of patience and
conciliation on the part either of
the British Government or of the
representatives of British com-
merce in China, but to the skilful
direction of propaganda by a cer-
tain country, which has made use
of the unhappy and distressful
conditions, which now prevail to
attack the good name and econo-
mic interests of the British in
China. I may be allowed, as one
who has spent nearly half a cen-
tury in China, to say that the at-
titude of mind presented by
Lord Parmoor entirely misrepres-
ents the truth as to the real
opinion of the Chinese people
towards the British. The pro-
paganda of the country referred
to has stirred up groups of
students and agitators only who
have been responsible for the
recent manifestations of hostility
towards the British.**Lord Balfour's Views.**Lord Balfour in his reply to
Lord Parmoor said "those who
know the Chinese tell me that
they have a great deal of common
sense and a great power of ap-
preciating facts," and this is
quite true. The Chinese, who
have had most to do with the
commercial activities of the Bri-
tish, the "compradore" and busi-
ness class of the Chinese, could
tell a very different story about
the "patience and conciliation"
shown by British merchants,
their fairness and honesty and
straight-dealing in their com-
mercial intercourse with the
Chinese. The British merchant,
and the British community in
general in China, deserve a great
deal more sympathy and con-
sideration than they get at the
present time from people who
think and feel with Lord
Parmoor. Their courage and en-
durance amidst great losses, their
persistence in holding on in their
endeavour to maintain the high
position they have won for Bri-
tish trade in the minds of the
best types of the Chinese people,
call for a deeper sense of appre-
ciation for all their high qualities
than Lord Parmoor showed.Fengtien war-lords. This story for
propaganda purposes is being
supplemented by an equally false
story that Britain is sending 37
warships and 3,000 troops to Han-
kow, while defensive measures re-
cently taken to preserve the inte-
grity of the Concession are being
utilised as arguments.**Uprising By Kweichow.**Uncertainty characterises the
military situation as far as the
Cantonese are concerned. There
are persistent reports of hostile
movements in the rear of the Can-
tonese lines, the provincial armies
of Kweichow and Yunnan being re-
ported on the move against the
Cantonese. The combined forces
are reported to have occupied
Shengki and Sipo, on the Yunkiang
river, and an advance eastwards
would threaten Changsha as well as
the long and slender line of com-
munications between Canton and
the advanced posts in Central
China.Any determined movement would
conceivably paralyze the Cantonese
grip on the Yangtze. Between the
hostile movement at their rear and
the pressure of the huge Fengtien
forces coming from the north, the
new Cantonese capital would be un-
tenable, squeezed between two
forces. The Cantonese, however,
are moving to meet the menace from
the north. All small craft on the
river between Kluksang and Han-
kow have been commandeered.**Fengtien Troops Move.**The Fengtien military combina-
tion has begun to move. The
fourth and fifth Fengtien armies
have advanced down the Peking-
Hankow Railway, the advanced de-
tachments of the fourth army hav-
ing reached Chengchow. Moving
in battle array, the Cantonese are
advancing their seventh army from
Kiangsi northwards to Shaohan,
70 miles from Hankow up the rail-
way, although their advanced posts
are at least 50 miles farther north.

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MR. M. LAMPSON AND
MR. E. CHEN.

AIR GREATLY CLEARED.

Rugby, Dec. 18.
Mr. Miles Lampson left Hankow for Peking last night to take up his post as British representative. He has during the past few days engaged in almost daily conversations with the Chinese Nationalist leaders at Hankow, and as a result of these friendly and informal exchanges each side has been better able to appreciate the viewpoint of the other on matters on which they have hitherto been misunderstanding. The conversations will probably be resumed at a later date.—British Wireless Service.

Important Document.

Peking, Dec. 18.
A meeting was held this morning at the senior Minister's house of foreign Ministers, to whom the British Charge d'Affaires communicated a document of considerable importance regarding the general policy in China. It is believed that the document contained new proposals of a liberal and far-reaching kind.—Reuter.

Japan's Envoy.

Hankow, Dec. 18.
H.M.S. "Petersfield" with Mr. Miles Lampson aboard went to Peking last night. The Minister entrains for Peking at Peking.

Hitherto, Mr. Saburi, the Chief of the Treaty Bureau of the Japanese Foreign Office, who is investigating conditions in China, has not had any official conversations with the Southern Government, and he has not yet met Mr. Eugene Chen.—Reuter.

A Distinct Gain.

Hankow, Dec. 18.
The conversations between Mr. Miles Lampson, the new British Minister, and Mr. Eugene Chen were of the most cordial nature throughout.

It is understood that the air has been considerably cleared and that friendly atmosphere has been created. This is regarded by both sides as being a distinct gain in the direction of a better understanding which, it is believed, will be the result of the conversations.

It is understood that the conversations will be resumed shortly after the "New Year"—Reuter's Pacific Service.

Hankow Demands.

Hankow, Dec. 18.
The Servants' Union to-day issued pamphlets containing the demands they intend to present to the British Consul, namely:—
First—Members cannot be dismissed or in any way oppressed. Should employers have cause for complaint they must inform the Union, who shall deal with the matter.
Second—Wages must be increased yearly and a month's wages given at Chinese New Year.

Third—The Union shall superintend members' behaviour, and that Union's inspectors shall visit discretionally premises in which members are employed.

Fourth—Employers must provide medical attention, with the exception of that for venereal disease.

Fifth—Three weeks' holiday must be given yearly or a month's pay instead.

Sixth—Vacancies as they occur must be filled by the Union.

A limit of seven days is given for acceptance to the demands.

The increases demanded range from about 10 per cent. in the case of highly paid men to 100 per cent. for the lowly paid men.—Reuter.

Naval Forces.

Rugby, December 18.

Orders have been given for strengthening the British naval forces in the China Station. The cruiser "Emerald," from the East India Station, is on her way to Hong Kong, and the "Enterprise," a sister ship of the "Emerald," left Singapore for Hong Kong on Monday. The cruiser "Caradoc" has sailed from Malta for China.

The China Squadron has been short of one of its cruisers owing to the return home for rearmament of the cruiser "Durban." She is now visiting her name port on her way back to the Far East, and will probably reach Hong Kong in three or four weeks.

The reinforcements which have been added to the China Squadron since September include the ship "Hermes" and the Third Destroyer Flotilla, consisting of one flotilla leader and eight destroyers.

The Fourth Destroyer Flotilla is awaiting orders at Malta and the Eighth Destroyer Flotilla is in home ports preparing for foreign service.—British Wireless Service.

Departure Delayed.

Malta, Dec. 18.
It is now stated that the Fourth Destroyer Flotilla will not accompany the cruiser "Caradoc" to China immediately. It is understood that if the

BY FORCE OF ARMS.

GENERAL SMETONA BECOMES
PRESIDENT.

LITHUANIA'S REVOLUTION.

Kovno, Dec. 19.
General Smetona has been elected President of the republic. Parliament has assembled. The town is beleaguered.—Reuter.

[General Smetona, backed by military forces, overthrew the Government, arrested its members and declared martial law. The coup d'etat was carried out bloodlessly. Placards were posted in the streets accusing the Government of selling the country to Bolsheviks and foreigners, and announcing that the military forces were therefore temporarily taking control.]

Troops Take Charge.

Berlin, Dec. 18.
The Lithuanian revolution is the outcome of a conspiracy of army officers, leaders of defence organisations and the league of war volunteers.

Troops surrounded the Parliament at Kovno. An officer entered and announced that the army had resolved to overthrow the Government whose aim was to betray the Lithuanians to the Bolsheviks.

The officer declared Parliament dissolved and arrested the President.

Troops seized the railways, post office and state bank.

The revolution is led by Major Plechavicius, who has taken charge of the office of the chief general of the staff.

All is quiet at Memel, but it is reported that a battle is impending near Kovno between Smetona's troops and a few loyal regiments.

Colonel Glevitsky, leader of the Lithuanian Fascists, has been appointed military governor of Kovno.—Reuter.

Poland Unsettled.

Warsaw, Dec. 17.

Unrest is felt here regarding Lithuania's future policy owing to the pro-German tendencies of Smetona.—Reuter.

Purely Internal.

Rugby, Dec. 18.

In well informed circles here it is considered unlikely that the military revolution reported to have occurred in Lithuania will have caused international complications. The coup d'etat which was carried out without bloodshed is regarded as a purely internal incident. A prominent Nationalist, Smetona is reported to have been proclaimed head of the State and the President and Ministers are under arrest.—British Wireless Service.

TANK CRASH.

SMASHES THROUGH FACTORY ROOF.

Philadelphia, Dec. 19.
An enormous water tank crashed through the roof of a sweet factory, killing two and burying many employees.

The tank reached the third floor in one bound, paused, then crashed to the cellar, cutting a gap twenty feet wide.

Three hundred firemen, police and others are clearing the debris. One of the walls carried with it a number of high tension wires, which dangled in the street. The current was finally cut off.—Reuter American Service.

IRISH FIRE TRIAL.

London, Dec. 17.
The trial has been conducted at the Central Criminal Court in Dublin of Patrick Brennan, William Ford and Patrick Downing, owner, lessee and operator respectively, of the Drumclogher cinema.

Brennan was found not guilty, and the jury disagreed as regards Ford and Downing.—Reuter.

[Forty-seven lives were lost in a cinema fire at Drumclogher, in County Limerick. The building was of wood. The fire started in the operator's box, close to the only exit. There was a wild fight to escape from the blazing building and terrible scenes were witnessed. The Coroner's jury found that the fire was caused by a lighted candle falling on exposed films. The jury found the operator guilty of negligence in leaving the films exposed, and held that there was carelessness on the part of the promoter in leaving a lighted candle on the table.]

Flotilla goes it will probably not be before February. If so it is believed it will relieve the Third Flotilla.—Reuter.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

DICK NORTON'S GLOBE
TROTTERS.

EXCELLENT NEW PROGRAMME.

The new programme submitted by Dick Norton and his Globe Trotters in the Queen's Theatre yesterday was quite the happiest yet offered by this clever little company, and the management is to be congratulated upon being able to give such a sparkling entertainment along with an excellent movie programme comprising an up-to-date news reel, an amusing cat-comedy, and an excellent feature picture.

The vaudeville programme began with a brisk opening chorus, which is followed by a charmingly old fashion song in a most attractive setting, the colours of the scenery and the lights blending to give delightful effects. Dmitry Dimoff, whose more appearance was greeted with applause, again scored with his balalaika, and was compelled to give an encore.

The chief hit of the programme was a ballad singing episode in which Miss Lella Forbes did the singing and Dick Norton the acting, to the great delight of the audience, which was loud in its applause. The programme was concluded with a jazz orchestra turn. Dick Norton conducting and the other members of the company singing and dancing. This also was greeted with enthusiasm, and praise was heard for the effective stage setting.

The feature film "Wine of Youth" is a capital picture. When the story opens, Mary, the First, is being wooed by Johnnie Walker and James Morrison. The year is 1870. A brief flash of this courtship when Mary the Second is being courted by Creighton Hale and Niles Welch. The third, and main episode of the story opens in 1924, with Mary the Third, daughter of the second and granddaughter of the first, toying with the affections of Ben Lyon and William Haines. Altogether a most amusing picture.

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CLERK'S RESCUE.

SAVED A WOMAN FROM
SUICIDE.

HARBOUR INCIDENT.

Mr. Kassim Hussain, a storehouseman at the Royal Naval Yard, is the hero of a harbour rescue at Kennedy Town yesterday when a Chinese woman (27 years of age), attempted to commit suicide.

The woman threw herself into the water but Mr. Hussain went in after her and got her to land again. On being handed over to the Police the woman was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

Her story is that she had come from the country to secure employment and had failed. Despondency over her failure led her to contemplate suicide.

Jump Over Verandah... Mystery still surrounds the motive for the suicide of a Chinese man (38 years of age) who ended his life by throwing himself over the verandah of the second floor of a house into the street below.

Deceased lived at No. 53, Spring Garden Lane. He was picked up in a shocking condition and died shortly after admission to hospital.

CAFE PARISIEN.

LIQUOR SERVED WITH MEALS.

ADJUNCT LICENCE GRANTED

An adjunct licence enabling the Cafe Parisien to serve liquor with meals at specified times—from 12.30 to 2.30, and from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—has been granted to the Cafe Parisien.

At the Licensing Board Meeting on December 3, it will be remembered, the Cafe Parisien was refused a Publican's Licence Without Bar on the ground that the establishment was not fulfilling any extensive public want.

Since then numerous letters have appeared in the Press voicing the opinion that the establishment was desirable and expressing the hope that the full licence would soon be granted again.

Meanwhile the Manager of the Cafe, Mr. S. E. Green, made application for an Adjunct Licence which has now been granted. Thus the establishment may now have liquor at the times specified.

The Cafe Parisien hopes that all its old and valued patrons, and new ones, will freely patronise the restaurant for its excellent meals and dancing during and after dinner as heretofore.

ACROSS SIBERIA.

INCREASED TRAVEL FACILITIES.

Owing to the great popularity of the Trans-Siberian Railway, the one train weekly from Moscow-Manchuria was found not to be sufficient to meet the demand for the accommodation required. It was therefore decided about a month ago to run a second train weekly to Manchuria, so that at present there is a through train leaving Stolbec (the Polish-Russian frontier town) every Monday and Friday, right through to Manchuria, and a third train leaving Stolbec every Wednesday, through to Vladivostok. Passengers coming from England will have to change at Berlin, from where a through train is running without change to Stolbec, so that travelling from London to Manchuria or Vladivostok, passengers will only have to change trains (not stations) at Berlin and Stolbec, which, of course, means a great improvement.

Through cars are now also running from Leningrad to Manchuria and Vladivostok. In spite of these extra cars and trains, it is still advisable to book accommodation as early as possible to avoid being disappointed by not being able to travel on the date chosen. Application for further particulars and bookings should be made to the agents, Messrs. Wm. H. Muller and Co. (London), Ltd., 66-68, Haymarket, S.W.1.

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HOME SOCCER.

AMATEUR INTERNATIONAL
RESULT.

IN THE 5 LEAGUES.

London, Dec. 18.

At Leicester, in fine weather and before 10,000 spectators, the first amateur soccer international match ever played between England and Scotland resulted in a victory for Scotland by 4 goals to 1.

Results of to-day's matches in the principal leagues (home team given first) were:—

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Arsenal 2, Tottenham 4.
Aston Villa 3, Huddersfield 0.
Bolton 2, Sunderland 2.
Burnley 5, Everton 1.
Cardiff 0, Blackburn 1.
Derby 2, Bury 0.
Leeds 4, Wednesday 1.
Liverpool 0, West Ham 0.
Manchester United 2, West Bromwich 0.
Newcastle 1, Leicester 1.
Sheffield 4, Birmingham 3.

Division II.

Bradford City 4, Manchester City 3.
Chelsea 2, Darlington 2.
Clapton Orient 5, Reading 1.
Hull 2, Fulham 0.
Middlesbrough 7, Swansea 1.
Notts County 2, Blackpool 3.
Port Vale 0, Notts Forest 2.
Preston 1, Portsmouth 2.
Southampton 3, Burnley 1.
South Shields 4, Oldham 1.
Wolverhampton 3, Grimsby 4.

Div. III (South).

Brentford 3, Watford 0.
Brighton 3, Aberdeen 1.
Bristol Rovers 1, Coventry 2.
Exeter 1, Charlton 0.
Luton 3, Plymouth 3.
Merthyr 1, Bristol City 1.
Millwall 1, Crystal Palace 0.
Northampton 2, Gillingham 1.
Norwich 1, Newport 0.
Southend 0, Bournemouth 3.<

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Germany has adopted the
twenty-four hour time system
which has been applied to tele-
grams, and later will be introduced
on the railways.

"This is another striking
example of the belief of this coun-
try in voluntary effort," said Sir
Kingsley Wood, M.P., in opening
an institution for the blind at
Middlesbrough, to which workmen
had contributed £4,000.

Due to the strikes raging in
that centre, the Provincial Govern-
ment has ordered a responsible or-
ganisation to be set up in the build-
ing of the Provincial Party of
Wuchang. Members from different
organisations as well as from the
Wu-Han Chambers of Commerce
will be asked to act as arbitrators
so that henceforth no more strikes
shall ensue.

According to the "N. C. Daily
News" of Dec. 8, Shanghai visitors
to Chinkiang during the week-end
report that the place is blissfully
quiet and that foreign residents
there are amused at all the concern
for their safety that has been mani-
fested in Shanghai. They say that
the few soldiers in the place are
very well-behaved and in no way
interfere with either Chinese or
foreigners.

A gem from the "N. C. Daily
News." We all know that
Shanghai girls wear their skirts
short, but we refuse to be-
lieve the story now going
the rounds to the effect that a local
flapper entered a Chinese Modistes
establishment to inquire after a
certain "rose-pink dress" in the
window, only to be met with the
reply, "Sorry, Misses, that no belong
dress, that belong lampshade."

The strike at the Yu Hui silk
factory, Shanghai, ended on Dec. 7,
all the hands returning to work.
The Sen Sing cottonmill also again
is working normally, but the Kung
Bak cotton mill still is closed, the
management holding out against
demands for bonuses and increased
pay, the re-instatement of dismissed
employees and certain privileges for
union representatives. The first
two mills are Chinese and the other
Japanese.

The Colony had a clean bill of
health yesterday.

The number of foreigners per-
manently living in "France" is over
2,815,000 as against 1,133,000 in
1911, it is reported from Nauen.

The total output of the
Kailan Mining Administration's
mines for the week ended Decem-
ber 4, amounted to 81,153 tons,
and the sales during the period
to 95,837 tons.

Thus the Shanghai "Daily
News" of Dec. 8: The season's
first snowflake fell in Nanking Road
yesterday at 4.21 p.m. We will en-
deavour to be as punctual in noting
the first straw hat when the proper
period arrives.

The "China Mail" has received
from the Portuguese Magazine
"Religio e Patria" a pretty
almanac for 1927, the fifth year of
publication, containing a quantity
of reading matter and numerous
illustrations. The "Religio e
Patria" is to be congratulated upon
being able to maintain the magazine
for so many years.

For the return voyage to China
of the cruiser "Durban," Captain
G. L. Coleridge, which paid off at
Devonport on Nov. 1 and recom-
missioned on the following day with
a new crew from the local barracks,
the following programme was ap-
proved:—St. Vincent, Nov. 14-16;
St. Helena, Nov. 24-26; Simonstown,
Dec. 2-5; Durban, Dec. 8-10;
Colombo, Dec. 29-Jan. 2; Singapore,
Jan. 7-10; and Hong Kong, Jan. 15.
The vessel is going out via the Cape
in order to visit her name port,
which she has not before done.

An armed robbery took place on
Dec. 9, at Kung-wo Road, Chai-
chi, when three men, two armed with
hatchets, and one with an imitation
pistol, entered a Chinese dwelling
house, and attempted to walk off
with a suit-case. A servant noticed
them, and following the miscreants
to the door, raised an alarm, when
he received a blow from one of the
men, who, seeing there was little
chance to escape, threw the suit-
case back. Just as they were run-
ning away, says the "N. C. Daily
News," the police arrived, and ar-
rested the man with the false pistol.

Three hundred and thirty-
seven eggs in a year, the world's
record, held by a United States hen,
has been beaten by a hen at Agassiz,
British Columbia, with 361.

At H.B.M. Supreme Court,
Shanghai, on December 10, before
His Honour Judge Peter Grain, J.
W. Raymond was called upon to
answer as to a claim made by Tala
Singh for the sum of \$200 on an
alleged promissory note. After
some evidence had been given from
both sides, the case was adjourned.

The "Japan Advertiser" says
that reports from Choshi declare
that a large school of whales was
found on the shoals off Namizaki,
Ibaragi prefecture, recently, and
that all the fishermen of the neigh-
bourhood immediately set out to
capture the whales. As many as
113 were caught in a short time, it
was reported.

A Chinese bandit was execut-
ed by order of the Shanghai Mil-
itary Court, for having wilfully
murdered an occupant of a Chi-
nese house, in the French Conces-
sion, during an armed robbery
several weeks ago. The criminal,
38 years old, was a native of Yun-
nan; just a few minutes before his
death, he repented his sins to a
Catholic Father, who was pre-
sent at the execution, and then
"gave himself up to the Lord."

Carnivals and tea dances are
being specially arranged for the
festive season by the Hong Kong
and Shanghai Hotels management.
In addition to the Christmas and
New Year gatherings at the Hong
Kong Hotel and Repulse Bay Hotel
there will be a carnival at the
Hong Kong Hotel from 8 p.m. to
1 a.m. on "Boxing night" (Monday,
Dec. 27th) and on December 31st.
There will be a New Year's Eve
Carnival. A similar function will
take place at Repulse Bay. On
Saturday, January 1, there will be
a tea dance at the latter hotel. For
the evening celebrations fancy or
evening dress is essential! Late
Peak trains will be run at 2.30 a.m.
to 2 a.m. and there will be a late
motor coach from the Repulse Bay
Hotel to the Hong Kong and Peak
Hotels on the occasion of the New
Year's Eve Carnival.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

A daughter, Margaret Ingram,
has been born to the Rev. S. H.
and Mrs. Dixon, Wesley College,
Wuchang.

Mr. W. T. Bowen left Shanghai
for Home on Dec. 11. He is mak-
ing a trip to the Dutch East
Indies, Singapore and India, and
expects to be away for several
months.

M. Paul Claudel, at present
French Ambassador to Japan, is
now mentioned as in line for ap-
pointment as Ambassador to the
United States, although his name
has also been prominently con-
nected with the German Embassy.

Marshal Sun Chuan-fang and
Gen. Chang Hsueh-liang have be-
come "sworn brothers," it is re-
ported. Recently, when Marshal
Sun called on Marshal Chang
Tso-fu, he addressed him as
"elder uncle," it is said, a term of
deference and respect.

Mabel Strickland, the rodeo
girl of Wembley fame, was tram-
pled upon by her horse last month
at Madison Square Garden, New
York, and taken to hospital. It
was feared that her skull was
fractured. She was swinging from
the careering horse's neck and at-
tempting to regain the saddle on
the other side when her hold ship-
ped and she fell.

Sir Charles Eliot, former Bri-
tish Ambassador to Japan, plans
to return to that country for per-
manent residence, according to
information received by his
friends in Tokyo, it is reported.
Sir Charles has long been a student
of Japan and is interested in
conducting further researches on
the Japanese Buddhism and fine
arts. When he arrives in Japan,
probably next spring, the former
British Ambassador will live in
Nara.

In succession to Engineer-Cap-
tain E. G. Fallot, D.S.O., whose two
years will shortly expire, Engineer-
Captain W. H. Michell has been
selected for the post of Chief En-
gineer of the Dockyard at Hong
Kong. He has hitherto been First
Assistant to the Engineer Manager
at Chatham, for which duty En-
gineer-Commander F. G. Brown,
late of the cruiser "Colombo," has
been appointed. In the war En-
gineer-Captain Michell was chief
engineer of the cruiser "Southam-
pton."

Sir Roderick and Lady Jones en-
tertained the Prime Ministers of
Canada and South Africa at dinner
on Nov. 16 at 96, Cheyne-walk.

Viscount Incheape was among
those present at a dinner given on
Nov. 15 by Sir Alfred Mond, M.P.,
to the delegates attending the Im-
perial Conference.

The late Mr. James Russell
Brazier (66), of Port Arlington
Road, Bournemouth, late Commis-
sioner of Chinese Customs, left
estate valued at £44,802.

Among promotions on the Retired
List, to date Nov. 8, is that of
Sir Allan F. Everett, K.C.M.G.,
K.C.V.O., C.B., who was recently for
a brief spell Commander-in-Chief
on the China Station.

A son has been born to Sir
Clair Severn, former Colonial
Secretary for Hong Kong, and
Lady Severn at their home in
Earl's Court. The baby is the
third child of the marriage.

A sad affair took place at Han-
kow a few days ago, when Mr.
Irvine, manager of the Terminus
Hotel, was found dead with a
bullet wound in the head. Mr.
Irvine refused to leave his room
throughout the day, in spite of re-
peated calls from his No. 1 boy,
and when, becoming alarmed, the
boy had the door forced, the
tragic discovery was made.

The late Major-General Sir
William "Julius" Gascoigne,
K.C.M.G., a former General Of-
ficer Commanding the Forces at
Hong Kong and who was Officer
Administering the Colony on
more than one occasion, left un-
settled property of the gross
value of £15,795, with net per-
sonalty £15,602. He died in Eng-
land on Sept. 9 at the age of 82.

Says a Home paper: Prince
George, who has been serving on
the flagship "Hawkins" in Chi-
nese waters, will be home in time
for his 24th birthday on Dec. 20,
and to join the family party at
Sandringham for Christmas. He
is travelling back by way of
Canada. Mr. Robb, the Acting
Prime Minister announces that he
will be the guest of the Canadian
Government while crossing, and
will travel in a private railway
car from Vancouver. The Prince
will arrive in Ottawa on Dec. 4,
and will stay at Government
House for a few days. He is due
in London on Dec. 15.

Admiral Sir Arthur and Lady
Leveson and Miss Mary and Miss
Pamela Leveson have arrived at
14, Hans Mansions for the winter.

Admiral Sir Arthur and Lady
Leveson attended the afternoon
party at Buckingham Palace on
Nov. 10 in connection with the
visit of the delegates to the Im-
perial Conference.

Viscount Suidale, son and heir
of the Earl of Donoughmore, was
24 on Nov. 12. His father, as
Viscount Suidale, was A.D.C.
and Private Secretary to the
Governor of Hong Kong in
1900-2.

Mrs. Margaret Proctor Smith,
well-known singer, and lecturer
on things Chinese, sailed from
Hankow on December 6 for
Wuhu, where she will be the guest
of the Sisters of the Transfiguration
for a week before proceed-
ing to Shanghai.

Nieh Chia-fu, a White ex-
Russian, has been promoted from
commander to Lieutenant-General
by General Chang Tsung-chang,
it was reported on November 28,
by a north China contemporary.
General Nieh has been in com-
mand of the 66th Division.

Dr. Robert E. Speer, General
Secretary of the Presbyterian
Foreign Mission Board, and Mrs.
Speer, who is Chairman of the
National Board of the American
Y.W.C.A., accompanied by their
son William, left Shanghai on
Dec. 9, for the United States.

The following officers and com-
mittee were elected at the annual
meeting of the Kobe Branch of
the British Association of Japan.
Chairman, Mr. F. A. Wells; Vice-
Chairman, Mr. H. L. Mullins;
Committee, Mr. T. G. Ely, Mr.
H. E. Hayward, Mr. A. C. Hench-
man, Mr. H. C. Macnaughton,
Mr. W. A. Tomlinson and Mr.
V. B. Wilson.

Until recently Mr. H. Hoshi,
President of the Hoshi Pharma-
ceutical Company, was considered
the only person in Japan, who
had his life insured for ¥1,000,
000, but he no longer is able to
boast of the biggest life insurance
policy in that country. Accord-
ing to the latest investigation,
Marquis Mayeda, Marquis Date,
Marquis Nabeshima, Mr. Jotaro
Yamamoto, Mr. Umekichi Yone-
yama and Mr. Kakujiro Horiko-
shi all are carrying policies for
¥1,000,000.

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"DOUBLE" FOR MR. BIRKETT.

Coincidence in the Smaller Cash Sweep.

Some very good finishes were witnessed at the Christmas Steeplechase meeting of the Puntling Hunt, held on Saturday at the Kwantung course.

Mr. L. Reidy rode the winners of four races out of five on the card. The weather was not unfavourable and punters generally beat the books.

Each of the five events provided a rattling duel up the straight. Favourites won three races. Rivergrass was a joint favourite in the ring but a rank outsider on the "tote." And the other favourite, a safe thing, was just beaten.

Features of the Racing.

In one race Mr. L. Reidy ran unplaced but he won the other four, beating the "hat trick" of Captain R. G. Sturges, R.M., at the previous meeting. One of these ponies belongs to him, two to Mr. H. Birkett, Joint Master of the Puntling Hunt and the other to Mr. R. M. Dyer whose first pony to run "over the sticks" turned out a fine winner if not an excellent jumper. This was Rothesay, hero of many flat races at Happy Valley and previously under the name of Roman Pride and Ramsbury.

Another flat race winner in Sunburst Rose, in his "maiden" steeplechase, also won.

Colour was lent to the scene by the turn-out of the hounds of the Hunt, Mr. Birkett leading the pack, with Mr. A. H. Potts (Clerk of the Course) and Mr. J. K. Bousfield (one of the Stewards) acting as whippers-in.

Bookmakers Worried.

The possibility of unfavourable weather may have kept some supporters away as the attendance was smaller than that of the last meeting. Still, the pari-mutuel (with place tickets as an innovation), the cash sweeps, and the bookmakers were all well patronised and there was the usual crush on the "Wild West" branch line train coming back.

For those who believe in luck being attached to certain numbers it should be mentioned that ticket No. 36 drew three prizes, viz., two firsts and a second. As yet the stewards have not decided to put a premium on the number for the next meeting should anybody want it for a "through" ticket.

CASH SWEEPS.

Result of the "A" \$1 Draw, 3rd Race.

No. 5,037 \$7,885.50
10,578 2,253.00
14,037 1,126.50
Unplaced starter No. 7,016—\$751.00.

Drawers of unplaced starters in the other cash sweeps (on each race, tickets at \$5 each) were:

Race I.
No. 36 \$74.20
" 22 10.60
" 128 10.60
Unplaced Nos.: 27, 5, 54, 3, 15.

Race II.
No. 36 \$128.80
" 9 36.80
" 31 18.40
Unplaced Nos.: 79, 23.

Race III.
No. 179 \$127.40
" 19 36.40
" 25 18.20
Unplaced No.: 14.

Race IV.
No. 99 \$179.20
" 36 51.20
" 54 25.60

Race V.
No. 79 \$170.80
" 24 \$48.80
" 29 24.40
Unplaced Nos.: 56, 17, 43, 119, 23, 98.

1.—The Maiden Plate, 1½ miles, for China ponies that have started at Kwantung steeplechases and not won. Catch weight 160 lbs. Unplaced starters allowed 5 lbs. Winner a Cup; 2nd \$25; 3rd \$10.

Mr. H. Birkett's Rivergrass (Mr. Reidy) 1
Mr. J. K. Bousfield's Inkpot (owner) 2
Mr. A. H. Potts's Two Pairs (owner) 3

Also ran: Mr. R. J. Paterson's October (Mr. Stanton), Mr. R. H. Charles's New York (Mr. Ralph), Dr. J. C. Macgown's Drake (owner), Capt. G. Howard's Egbert (owner), Major Bamford's Formidable (Mr. Lucy).

Time: 4 mins., 14.3/5 secs.
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LEAGUE CRICKET.

University Lose Two Matches.

CIVIL SERVICES' FOURTH.

Police Suffer First Defeat: K.C.C. Still Winning.

Five matches were played in the Cricket League on Saturday, two of them in the senior division.

Civil Service 1st XI secured their fourth victory and remain undefeated.

University lost in both divisions, the 2nd XI going down for the first time in the league.

In the junior division the Police also suffered their initial check but Kowloon maintained their winning sequence in the "first" league.

There were no particularly close finishes, although the Police did at the beginning of their innings, look like giving their victors, the Royal Navy 2nd XI, a battle for the points at stake.

League I.

KOWLOON V. UNIVERSITY.

With Goodwin and Lyah (their star bowlers) in form, Kowloon C.C. got University out for Kowloon for 89 runs and then made the necessary runs easily. Scores:—

University.	
H. N. Balhatchet, c. Brice, b. Goodwin	4
B. Linn, b. Lyah	2
S. V. Gittins, c. Jex, b. Goodwin	1
A. A. Ramsay, c. Brice, b. Brice	29
E. Zimmern, c. Brice, b. Lyah	0
C. W. Lamb, b. Goodwin	0
Ng Bow-wei, not out	37
W. Sling, c. Goodwin, b. Lyah	0
S. Huchima, b. Lyah	0
N. H. Gittins, b. Lyah	0
Kernham, b. Goodwin	0
Extras	13
Total (for 5 wks.)	185

BOWLING ANALYSIS.	
O.	M.
Goodwin	14 2 38
Lyah	11 4 34
Brice	4 0 23
Ross	3 1 12

Kowloon C.C.	
W. Brice, run out	40
E. P. Fincher, b. Balhatchet	5
A. W. Ramsay, c. Lam, b. Gittins	62
F. G. Bevis, not out	39
A. A. Dand, c. Huchima, b. Gittins	0
F. Goodwin, c. Lam, b. Gittins	23
W. G. Guest, not out	7
Extras	9
Total (for 5 wks.)	185

BOWLING ANALYSIS.	
O.	M.
Balhatchet	10 1 39
Ramsay	11 3 46
Lam	6 0 45
Gittins	8 1 56

C.R.C. v. CIVIL SERVICE.	
On visiting Causeway Bay, Civil Service easily defeated Chinese H.C. Yeoh and Youngsaye made 62 out of the home side's total of 35. The winners lost two wickets cheaply but their batsmen soon asserted themselves. Scores:—	

Chinese R.C.	
Wei Wing-lock, b. Baker	0
T. E. Yeoh, c. Sayer, b. Hamilton	41
Ng Sze-kwong, b. Sayer	7
C. Chou, c. Hamilton, b. Robertson	0
J. L. Youngsaye, c. Hamilton, b. Paterson	21
Yung Hin-lun, b. Robertson	0
H. C. Hung, b. Robertson	0
H. Hung, b. Robertson	0
H. Ching, b. Paterson	0
Chau Kwan-lum, not out	1
A. Hung, b. Paterson	0
Extras	3
Total	89

BOWLING ANALYSIS.	
O.	M.
Baker	6 0 18
Sayer	4 0 35
Hamilton	4 0 6
Robertson	6 2 18
Paterson	3 3 2 6 3

Civil Service.	
F. E. Lawrence, c. Ching, b. T. E. Yeoh	4
A. E. Wood, c. A. Hung, b. Youngsaye	4
E. C. Fincher, b. T. E. Yeoh	45
F. Baker, c. T. E. Yeoh, b. Ng Sze-kwong	55
E. W. Hamilton, b. Youngsaye	8
F. J. de Rome, not out	20
G. R. Sayer, c. Yeoh, b. Youngsaye	23
R. S. W. Paterson, b. Youngsaye	1
Extras	19
Total (for 7 wks.)	175

BOWLING ANALYSIS.	
O.	M.
T. E. Yeoh	8 0 42
Ng Sze-kwong	7 1 43
H. C. Hung	6 0 40
J. L. Youngsaye	6 2 51

League II.

I.R.C. 2ND v. H.K.C.C. 2ND.

On the I.R.C. ground at Sokumpoo, the Hong Kong C.C. 2nd XI

BOWLING ANALYSIS.	
O.	M.
T. E. Yeoh	8 0 42
Ng Sze-kwong	7 1 43
H. C. Hung	6 0 40
J. L. Youngsaye	6 2 51

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proved no match for the Indian R.C. 2nd XI who won by 7 wickets. Scores:—

H.K.C.C. 2nd XI.	
H. C. Burgess, b. Akbar	44
A. K. Mackenzie, c. Sirdar Khan, b. Mann	0
H. H. Benson, b. Ismail	0
P. Jack, c. Minu, b. Mann	1
M. D. G. Moore, b. Mann	10
F. B. Jones, c. Ismail, b. Sufian	10
F. H. Orr, not out	30
R. W. Lee, c. b. Madar	1
L. M. S. Lloyd, c. Minu, b. Madar	0
D. A. Rushton, c. Sufian, b. Madar	1
R. A. Wadson, lbw, b. Sirdar Khan	0
Extras	2
Total	106

BOWLING ANALYSIS.	
O.	M.
Mann	8 1 12
Ismail	8 0 18
Sirdar Khan	5 0 20
Sufian	4 1 15
Ismael	4 0 27
Madar	4 1 11

I.R.C.	
M. P. Madar, c. Lloyd, b. Burgess	2
J. S. Akbar, lbw, b. Lee	5
S. A. E. Ismail, not out	46
A. Ismail, c. Mackenzie, b. Benson	28
A. S. Sufian, not out	15
Extras	15
Total (3 wks.)	118

BOWLING ANALYSIS.	
O.	M.
Sirdar Khan	8 1 12
M. P. Madar	8 0 18
J. S. Akbar	5 0 20
S. A. E. Ismail	4 1 15
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This shows a section of the business district of Havana strewn with debris from the hurricane that swept Cuba and the Isle of Pines, killing hundreds.



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Princess Ileana, Queen Marie of Roumania and Prince Nicholas are shown examining the sword presented to the Queen after she reviewed National Guard troops at Brooklyn.



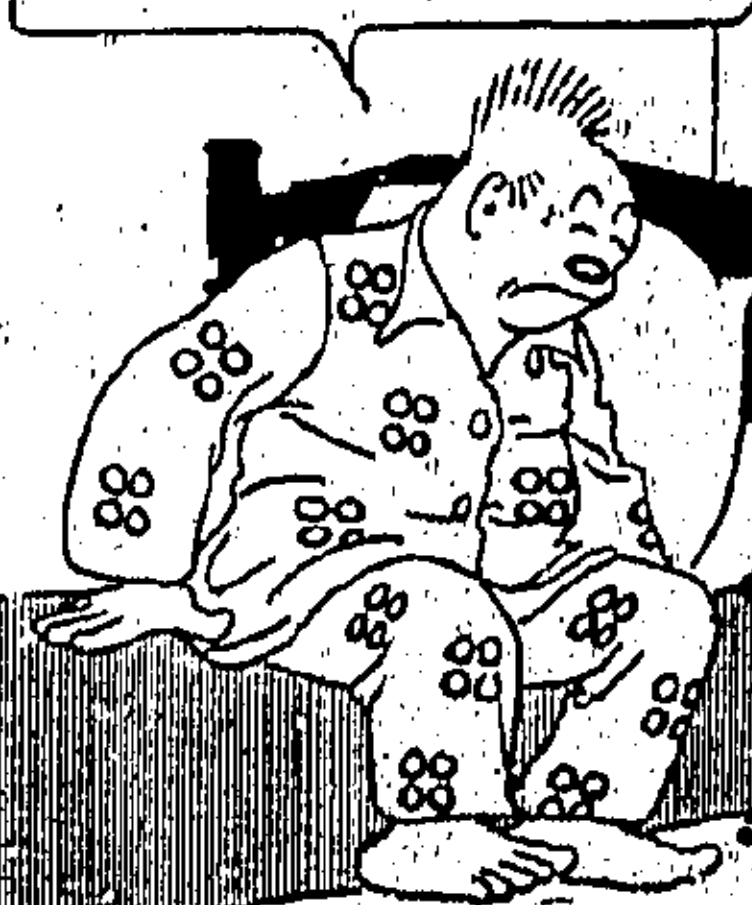
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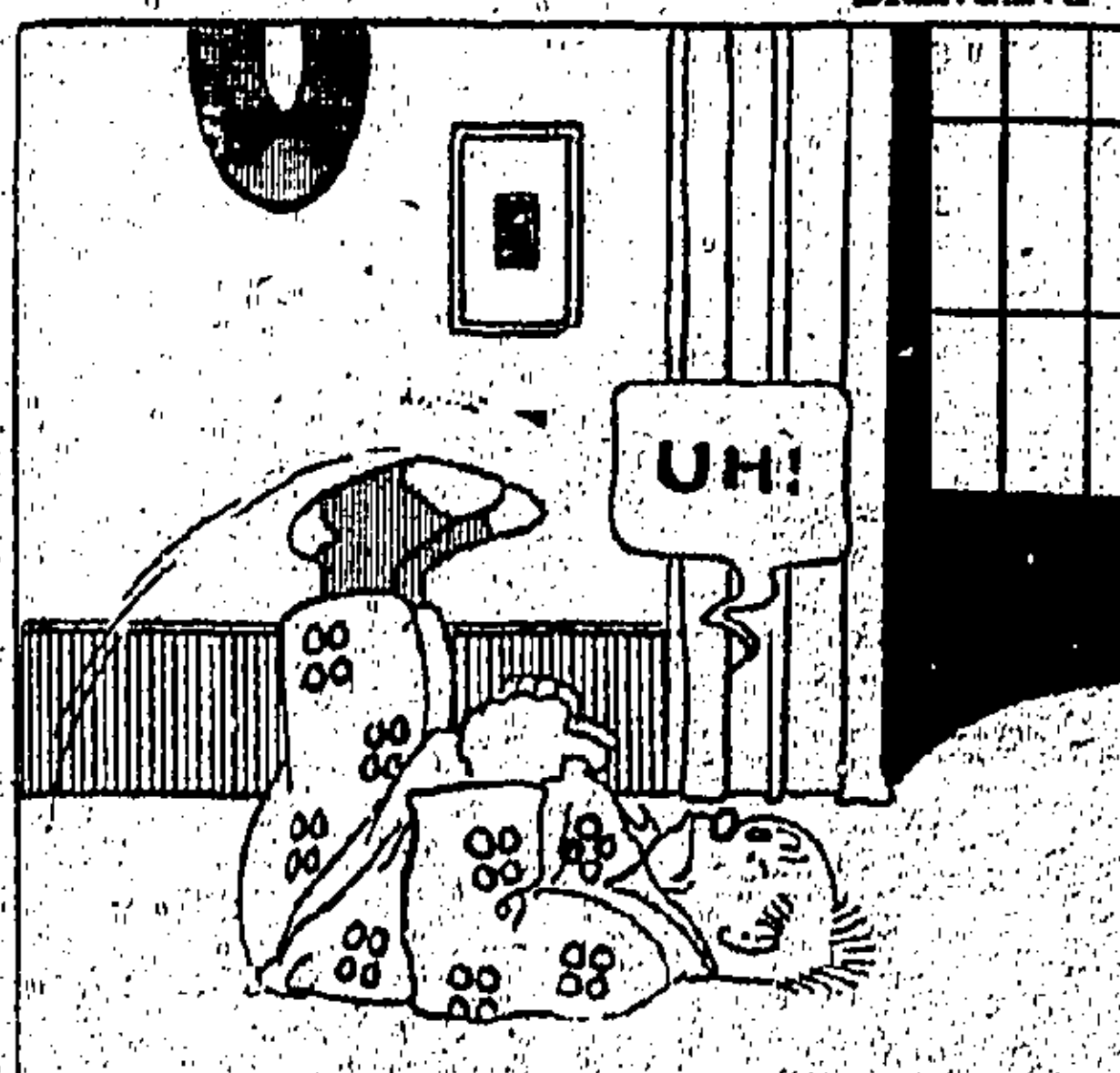
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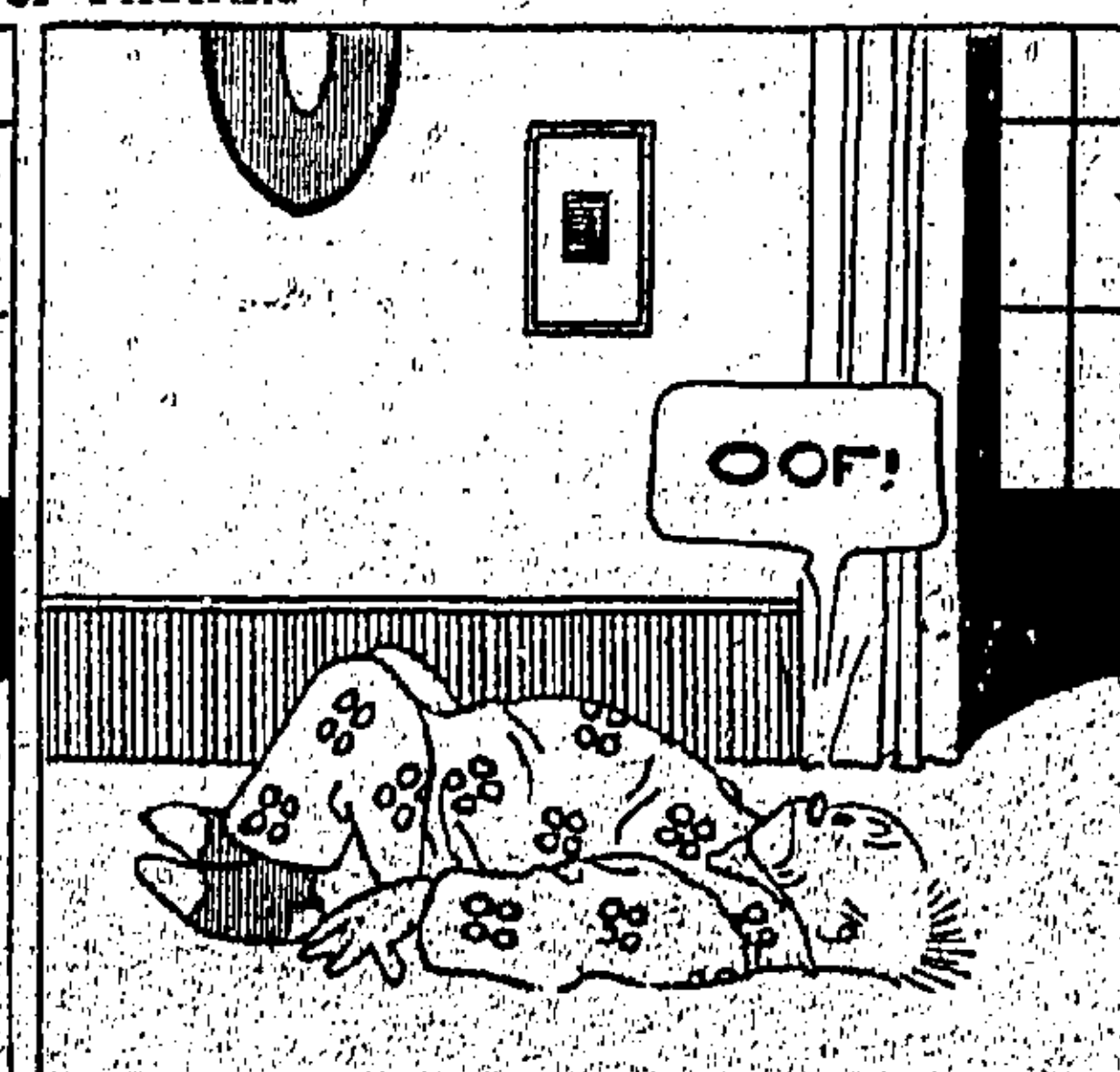
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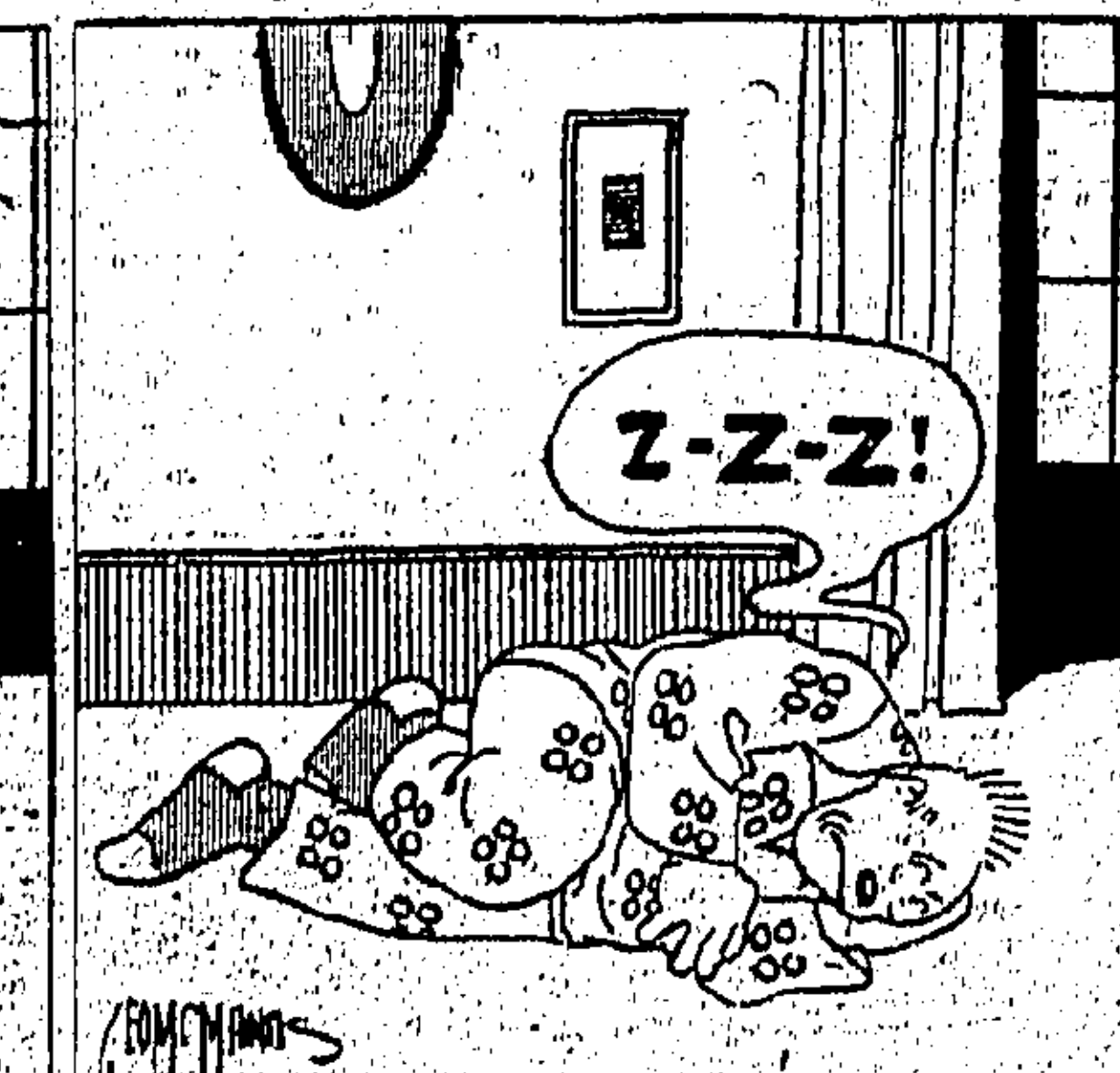
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STEEPLECHASES.

(Continued from Page 9.)

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Parimutuel (\$5 tickets):
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3rd 16.00

Starting prices: 3/2 against Rivergrass, October; 3/1 New York; 5/1 Two Pairs, Drake, Formidable; 10/1 Inkpot, Egbert.
October was installed favourite in a field of eight for the opening race but support came steadily for Rivergrass which shortened from 3/1 to 1/2 even favourite at 3/2 with Mr. Paterson's pony.

It was an excellent race, different ponies leading in turn.

Drake and October were prominent for a while, with New York and Rivergrass lying handy. Drake took the last fence together with the ultimate winner but could only finish fourth. From the rear, Inkpot came with a burst and challenged the leader. Two Pairs had also run very far back and responded nicely to lose second money by a length.

2.—Open Handicap Steeplechase, 1 1/4 miles. For China ponies. Winner a Cup; 2nd \$25; 3rd \$10.

Dr. J. C. Macgown's Sunburst Rose, 157 lbs. (owner) 1
Mr. W. T. Stanton's Kwan Tao, 148 lbs. (owner) 2
Mr. H. C. Macnamara's James Pigg, (Mr. Abel-Smith) 3
Also ran: Mr. L. Reidy's Isotacy (late Magnificent Dahlia) 147 lbs. (owner); Mr. R. H. Charles's Tam (Mr. Ralph) 146 lbs.

Time: not taken as start was made from wrong post.

4 lengths, many lengths.
Parimutuel:—
Winner \$3.50
Place 1st 6.00
2nd 6.90

Starting prices: 5/4 agst. Sunburst Rose; 2/1 Kwan Tao; 5/1 James Pigg; Isotacy; 10/1 Tam.

That Sunburst Rose never got down to evens was due to the demand for Kwan Tao who gave the winner a fine tussle. Isotacy refused one fence and Tam fell in the country after being displaced from a moment's lead.

Sunburst Rose was kept close behind Kwan Tao and James Pigg; the former had a three lengths advantage into the straight but ran wide and Sunburst Rose showed much the better speed.

James Pigg was not a bad third by any means and Kwan Tao responded gamely when asked for a big effort.

3.—Christmas Steeplechase, 2 miles. For China ponies the bona

fide property of subscribers to the Peking Hunt. W.I. Winners of steeplechase—2 races 7 lbs. penalty, 3 or more races 12 lbs. Winner a Cup; 2nd \$25; 3rd \$10. Mr. R. M. Dyer's Rothsay, 155 lbs. (Mr. Reidy) 1
Mr. W. T. Stanton's Reynolds, 162 lbs. (Owner) 2
Major F. Hogg's Wideawake (late Pongo) 155 lbs. (Mr. Gordon) 3

Also ran: Mr. H. C. Macnamara's Conquistador (Mr. Abel-Smith) 166 lbs.

Time: 5 mins., 38.2/5 secs.

1 1/2 length, many lengths.
Parimutuel:—
Winner \$14.30
Place 1st 5.30
2nd 5.10

Starting prices: 2/1 on Reynolds; 3/1 agst. Rothsay; 4/1 Wideawake; 6/1 Conquistador.

Here the odds on favourite, Reynolds, was beaten in the last 50 yards, after having shown the way all round. Rothsay ran several lengths behind for most of the way but began to reduce the deficit when two fences from home.

Conquistador and Wideawake ran a lone race hundreds of yards further back and the former was eventually pulled up so that the latter took third place, dead tired.

A splendid finish was seen. Rothsay (without being put under the whip) showing a sample of his old speed at the very end to win by only half a length and thus upset the odds laid on Reynolds who was riding in a steeplechase for the first time in Mr. Stanton's colours.

Although the "red hot" favourite lost, the bookies had nothing to be pleased about as a good many punters preferred the longer shot on Rothsay against whom 4/1 was laid at the outset.

4.—Owners' Steeplechase, 1 1/4 miles. For China ponies, to be ridden by bona fide owners. W.I. Penalty for winners of 2 or more races 12 lbs. Winner a Cup; 2nd \$25; 3rd \$10.

Mr. L. Reidy's Mowgli, 155 lbs. (owner) 1
Mr. A. H. Potts's Craigavad, 164 lbs. (owner) 2
Mr. A. N. Lucey's Country Mouse, 155 lbs. (owner) 3

Time: 4 mins., 50.3/5 secs.

3 lengths, many lengths.
Parimutuel:—
Winner \$7.60
Place 1st 7.40

Starting prices: 3/1 on Mowgli; 2/1 agst. Craigavad; 5/1 Country Mouse.

In this race the field of three kept company for the greater part of the distance, but Country Mouse gradually faded out.

Mowgli landed the odds laid on him, but not by a great deal as Craigavad made him go all the way.

When 1/4 mile from home, Craigavad shot out and almost ran level with Mowgli, but the favourite had a slight pull on clearing the last fence and finally stayed off a determined challenge up the straight.

The bookies breathed a sigh of relief when Mowgli won by three lengths as Craigavad carried a great deal of money.

5.—United Services Race, 1 1/4 miles. Open to the Navy, Army, Air Force and Volunteers. For China ponies. Catch weight 155 lbs. Previous winners (1 race) 7 lbs. penalty, (2 or more races) 14 lbs. Unplaced starters allowed 5 lbs. Winner a Cup; 2nd \$25; 3rd \$10.

Mr. H. Birkett's The Golden Pheasant, 162 lbs. (Mr. Reidy) 1

Mr. W. T. Stanton's More Better, 169 lbs. (Capt. Wright-Neville) 2

Also ran: Mr. H. C. Macnamara's Benjamin (Mr. Abel-Smith) 169 lbs.; Mr. J. K. Bousfield's Spaghetti (owner) 158 lbs.; Mr. T. C. T. Beck's Harford (owner) 158 lbs.; Mr. W. F. Simmons's Smart Guy (owner) 155 lbs.; Capt. V. F. Browne's Bertram (owner) 174 lbs.; Major F. Hogg's Wideawake (late Pongo) 162 lbs. (Mr. Gordon).

Time: 4 mins., 0.3/5 secs.

1 1/2 lengths, many lengths.
Parimutuel:—
Winner \$7.90
Place 1st 5.30
2nd 5.70
3rd 6.70

Starting prices: 3/2 agst. The Golden Pheasant; 2/1 More Better; 3/1 Smart Guy; 6/1 Chessman; 10/1 Benjamin; Harford; 12/1 Wideawake; 20/1 Spaghetti; Bertram.

The biggest field of the day (nine) turned out in the last race. The Golden Pheasant was ahead most of the time but More Better gradually got on terms and led by 2 lengths with 1/4 mile to go.

These two ran a fine race in the last stretch, but the favourite (The Golden Pheasant) made up the one length lead More Better had and won by 1 1/2 lengths.

Loud did the men of the Punjab Regiment cheer when their pony More Better—as seen from their camp behind the stands—appeared to be winning, but they were disappointed.

Chessman had been left at the post but finished a bad third, several lengths ahead of Bertram, Spaghetti, Wideawake and Harford (in the order named).

The Golden Pheasant's victory completed a double for Mr. Birkett and made Mr. Reidy's total of winners become four for the day.

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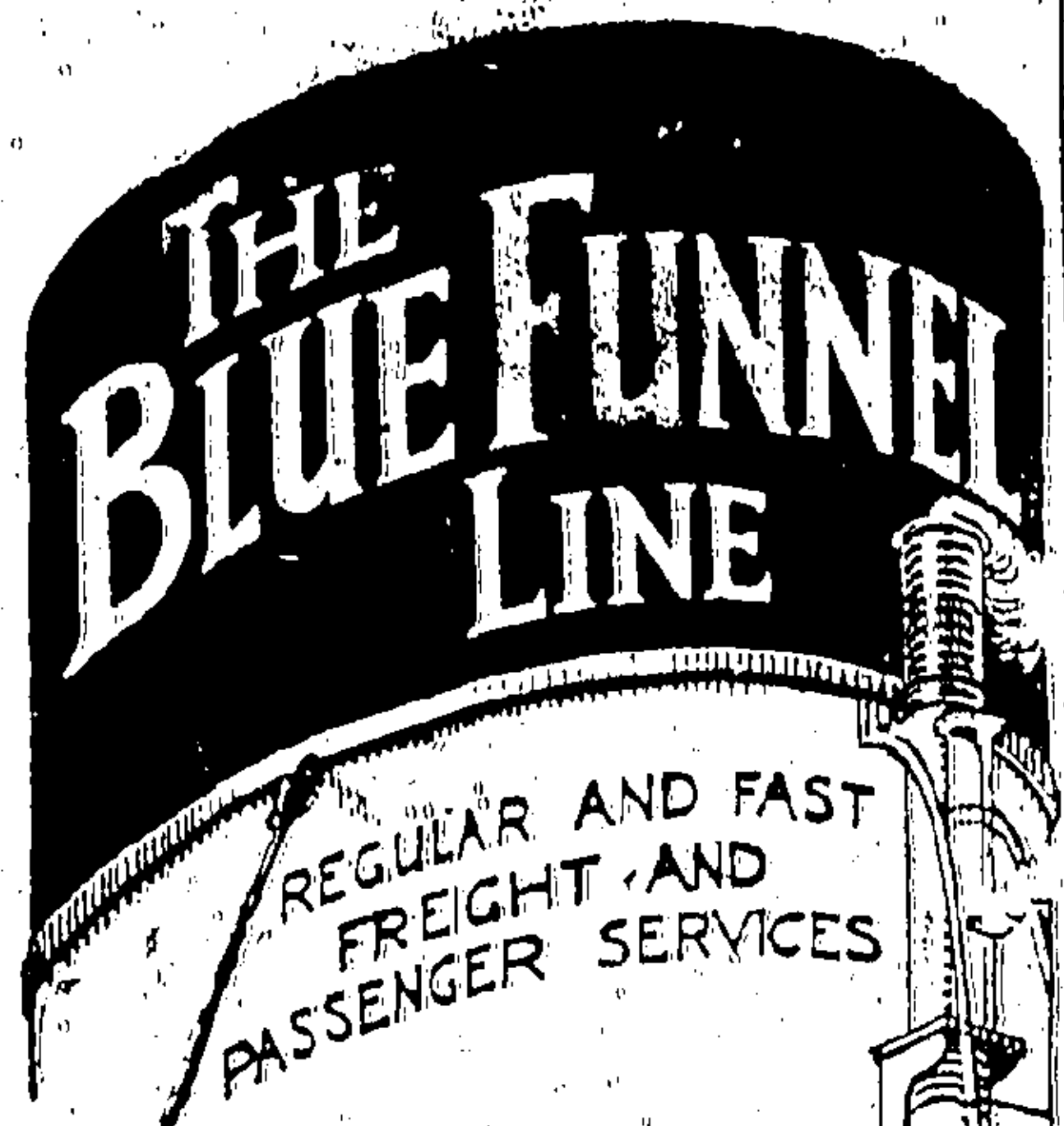
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Correspondence for Canton will be forwarded by train if so superscribed. Such correspondence must be posted not later than 7.30 a.m. at the General Post Office or 7.40 a.m. at Kowloon Post Office for despatch by the Express train scheduled to leave Kowloon Railway Station at 8.05 a.m. and to arrive at Canton at 12.20 p.m.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Monday, December 20.	Pen
Shanghai	10.30 a.m.	Chonan
Japan	11.00 a.m.	Tango Maru
U.S.A., Canada, Japan, Shanghai	11.30 a.m.	Pres. Jefferson
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	12.00 p.m.	Nellore
Shanghai	12.30 p.m.	General Meisinger
EUROPE via Nootka (papers only)	1.00 p.m.	Vogland
15th Nov.	1.30 p.m.	Angers
Seigo	2.00 p.m.	Angers
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	2.30 p.m.	Pres. Lincoln
Japan, Shanghai and London via Canada (London 15th Nov.)	3.00 p.m.	Empress of Canada
Straits	3.30 p.m.	Namsang
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EUROPE via Suva (Letters & Papers London 15th Nov. and Parcela 15th Nov.)	4.30 p.m.	Kalyan

OUTWARD MAILS.

Manila	Monday, December 20.	Pen
Manila	10.30 a.m.	Chonan
Amoy	11.00 a.m.	Tango Maru
Straits	11.30 a.m.	Pres. Jefferson
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	12.00 p.m.	Nellore
Sakon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & ECHOPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles 21st Jan. 1927. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.	12.30 p.m.	General Meisinger
Swatow	1.00 p.m.	Vogland
Amoy	1.30 p.m.	Angers
Manila, AUSTRALIA & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island 2nd Jan. 1927. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.	2.00 p.m.	Angers
Shanghai, Japan & Europe via Siberia (letters & parcels specially superscribed "Via Siberia" only)	2.30 p.m.	Pres. Lincoln
Amoy	3.00 p.m.	Empress of Canada
Bangkok	3.30 p.m.	Namsang
Swatow	4.00 p.m.	Namsang
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa	4.30 p.m.	Kalyan
Straits	5.00 p.m.	Kalyan
Japan	5.30 p.m.	Kalyan
Java via Soerabai	6.00 p.m.	Kalyan
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	6.30 p.m.	Kalyan
Sandakan	7.00 p.m.	Kalyan
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*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

SESSIONS BEGIN.

(Continued from page 1.)

Police Launch Sighted.
 As the captured launch was approaching, "Ling Shi Wan," a police launch was sighted, and one that had set out to intercept the "Sakung." The coxswain was told by the robbers to steam inshore and a fishing boat was boarded by the robbers who went ashore and were last seen disappearing over the hills carrying with them a small attache case and the three rifles taken from the bridge. The coxswain on their departure blew four blasts on his siren and this was the first intimation that those on the police launch had that there was anything seriously wrong.

The police launch came alongside the "Sakung," too late to capture any of the robbers but the officer in charge conducted the launch back to Hong Kong and had the wounded guard taken to hospital. He also took notes of what he found on board.

The bridge of the "Sakung" bore evidence of the struggle and, in addition to Winchester rifle ammunition, which had evidently been taken from the pouches of the guards (some of this was lying on the floor) there was also ammunition on the floor fitting revolvers of three different calibres.

Tell-Tale Coins.
 The Crown Solicitor then went on to detail the results of the despatching of No. 4 Police launch to the district where the robbers had last been seen. Evidence of a shop-keeper with whom five men had left rifles and not called back for them, was referred to, also that of a money changer who identified No. 1 prisoner as the man who had changed a number of Hong Kong ten-cent pieces with him. The amount received in Cantonese money was found in the possession of this prisoner when he was arrested later, asleep in a public lavatory at Tap Mun, a small village on Grass Island.

The arrest of Nos. 2 and 5 prisoner had taken place at the shop of a tailor in the same district. The men, it appeared, had ordered new clothing there and were being fitted at the time the police put in an appearance. One of the men was naked at the time and fled in this condition to a wash house where he was arrested. No. 5 fled to a cock loft where he also was arrested. One of the seamen from the police launch had accidentally discharged his revolver and wounded the prisoner slightly.

The other two men were arrested in a hut on the hillside in which was found the attache case already referred to.

The case is proceeding, the first witness being Dr. J. T. Smalley, of Kowloon Hospital, giving evidence as to the wounds from which the Indian guard (who was taken to Kowloon Hospital) had succumbed.

SHAUKIWAN MURDER.

The Shaukwan murder charge which was heard before Mr. Justice Wood, was conducted (for the Crown) by Mr. J. H. B. Nihill (Acting Assistant Attorney-General). Mr. T. Addis defended.

The ship-building yard in question, said Mr. Nihill, was situated on the north side of the main street. The events in question occurred on the building yard premises, in quarters where employees slept.

One of the witnesses who slept in the same room as the prisoner and the murdered man would give evidence to the effect that he woke up on the night of October 19-20 and saw the prisoner standing in the room with a blood-stained axe in his hand. Awakened by the cries of this witness, the brother of the murdered man (with whom the latter slept) also awoke and then observed that his brother lying next to him was covered in blood. The alarm was given and the prisoner arrested.

The condition of the prisoner when arrested was also referred to. It was alleged that prisoner was unsteady on his feet and his breath smelt of drink. Evidence would be called that he had purchased a bottle of wine on that evening. A bottle which had contained alcohol was found in the room in which prisoner slept. Prisoner had on the day preceding

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The passengers included Air Vice Marshal Sir Sefton Branker, Director of Civil Aviation, and three others.

The aeroplane will travel via Naples to Malta, where it will await the arrival of the second machine, which leaves London tomorrow.

The third machine, on which the Air Minister, Sir Samuel Hoare, accompanied by Lady Hoare and his staff, will travel, is due to leave on December 27.

From Malta the route will be via Hums to Cairo, where the first machine is expected on December 24. It will remain there temporarily, and the second machine will proceed to Basra.

The third machine, which will reach Cairo early in the new year, will leave for Basra on January 12, and thence will go by way of Karachi to Delhi.

A regular service will be operated in each direction between Cairo and Basra forthwith, but the Basra Karachi section will not open until April.

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ANOTHER ARMS CONFERENCE?

Washington, Dec. 19.
 Despite importunate pleas by various Navy and Army officials for more funds for "absolutely necessary" expenditure for defensive equipment, President Coolidge has sent a letter to the Editor of the "Army and Navy Journal" expressing the opinion that the Budget estimates already submitted to Congress adequately provide for the needs of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps for the fiscal year 1928.

Senator Butler, chairman of the Naval Committee, introduced a Bill providing for constructing ten light Scout cruisers each of ten thousand tons, at a total cost of \$105,000,000 exclusive of armour and armament. In the event of an international conference on the limitation of naval armaments, the measure empowers the President to suspend the whole construction.

There have been recent murmurs in political circles regarding the President's national defence policy, especially naval. Several newspapers have voiced discontent, pointing out America's "inferiority to Britain, particularly as regards cruisers.

There are two theories, first that Mr. Butler is acting on his own responsibility, urged by a powerful "big navy" Republican clique, and secondly that he is collaborating closely with Mr. Coolidge, with whom he conferred for an hour last night, the idea being not to incur vast expense in building cruiser but to force the hand of Britain and make her agree to another limitation conference.—Reuter's American Service.

The murder unsuccessfully endeavoured to borrow money from the deceased and other employees and had also tried to obtain advances on his salary on that day. So far as was known he had had no quarrel with the murdered man and, other than the condition of the prisoner when arrested there was no evidence as to why the attack had been made. The case is proceeding.

SPEAKER'S CHAIR.

A REPLICA PRESENTED TO AUSTRALIA.

NOTABLE EMPIRE TOUR.

Rugby, Dec. 19.

The delegation of the Empire Parliamentary Association, headed by Lord Salisbury, and including members of all Parties in both Houses of the British Parliament, returned to London last night from Australia, where, on behalf of the British branch of the Association, a replica of the Speaker's Chair in the House of Commons was presented to Australia for the use of the Speaker in the buildings of the Commonwealth Parliament at new capital of Canberra.

The tour, which began early in August, was the most ambitious yet undertaken by the Association, and included visits to Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Members of the delegation were everywhere received with great cordiality, and have returned deeply impressed with the immense resources of the countries visited.—British Wireless Service.

FRANCE'S BUDGET.

Paris, Dec. 19.
 Parliament has adopted finally, in the Senate by 268 votes to 8 and the Chamber by 405 to 140, the Budget providing for 39,728,310,592 francs receipts, and 39,541,443,921 expenditure.

Since the foundation of the Republic this is the eighth time the Budget has been voted before the end of the year, and the first time it has been discussed in so short a period, exactly 36 days.—Hayas.

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